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Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
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WORLD OF RADIO 1588 HEADLINES:

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- *Several shortwave sites closing forever
- *But some stations reactivated or adding new transmitters
- *Mediumwave news from Libya to Samoa to Wyoming
- *Rare harmonic and other DX above 23 MHz
- *Propagation outlook

Countries covered: Afghanistan, Albania, Antarctica, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia non, Cameroon, Congo DR non, Cuba non, Ecuador, Europe, France, Germany and non, Greece, India, Indonesia, Koreas, Kuwait, Laos, Libya, Madagascar, Monaco non, Netherlands non, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, Portugal, Samoa American, Serbia and non, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, USA and non, Vatican

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1588, October 27-November 2, 2011

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[confirmed on webcast]
Thu 1500	WRMI	9955	
Thu 2100	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 2100	WTWW	9479	[confirmed]
Thu 2130	WBCQ	7490	[NEW frequency ex-7415, confirmed]
Fri 0330	WWRB	5051 and NEW 3195	[confirmed]
Fri 0500	WRMI	9955	
Fri 1430	WRMI	9955	
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955	
Sun 0400	WTWW	5755	
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955	

Sun 1530 WRMI 9955
Sun 1730 WRMI 9955
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5110v-CUSB [last week at 0200 by mistake]
Mon 1130 WRMI 9955
Mon 1530 WRMI 9955
Mon 2130 WRMI 9955
Tue 1030 HLR 5980 Hamburger Lokal Radio [DST unshift in effect]
Tue 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955

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WRN ON DEMAND:
<http://193.42.152.193/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24>

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS VIA WRN:
<http://www.wrn.org/wrn-listeners/world-of-radio/>
<http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/rss/09:00:00UTC/English/541>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** AFGHANISTAN. Re 11-42: T6AF - an American tragedy in Afghanistan

Hi Glenn: I read the story about T6AF and was startled. I took out the QSL box where T6AF's QSL was stored. On it he had written: "Sorry for the delay Ullmar. I've been traveling." and at the bottom of the card: "Thanks for the personal note! War sucks! 73 Jim"

This card arrived on April 13th, sent by Jim himself during his family visit to California (the details can be found on the web) and when he wrote to me he had only 2-3 weeks left to live. This card, together

with some other remarkable QSLs, will have a special place in my collection. It was a new country on the ham bands for me but now that I know it means so much more (Ullmar (SM5-1252) Qvick, in Sweden, Oct 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFGHANISTAN. Good conditions on 10m have lasted all week and the MUF seems to be getting higher - British Army comms from Afghanistan on 37.150 MHz has been reported today in UK and Germany - <http://dx.3sdesign.de/unid/37150-unidEE-111021a.mp3>

With the current fantastic conditions, superb sensitive and selective sdr and dsp rigs, innovative antennas for small spaces and real-time social media tools dxing has never been better! 73s (Stuart satnipper, NW London, Oct 21, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. 15320 17/10 1118 Radio Mashaal, via Thailand, in Pashtu, reports, fair //15360 with same signal (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. 9655, KNLS, Anchor Point, 0800, Oct 16, long time, not heard, but this morning booming in (Noel R. Green, Blackpool, United Kingdom, DSWCI DX Window Oct 19 via DXLD) Language? Chinese is scheduled (gh, DXLD)

9655, KNLS (New Life Station), Oct. 23, 1600. Really really strong signal with IS, and into opening with M in Russian. Have heard VG before, but usually, this one is a much tougher catch here (Rick Barton, El Mirage, AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, CumbreDX via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. 7425, R. Tirana English with sked and into news, off abruptly at :10, and back in mid sentence with a feature program read by YL in English at :23 [! Why not just give the full times instead of making us hunt for them at the bottom?? gh]. At BoH they again read the schedule for English broadcasts, and went into news, then music, and then a letterbox type programme, and a musical selection. IS and carrier off at 0400. This does NOT exactly fit their schedule, but it is what it is! Modulation was VERY distorted (overmodulation) and it made an otherwise good signal REALLY hard to understand. 4+5442- (very poor because of overmodulation only). The music appeared to be MUCH better (not overmodulated) than voice. 0300-0310* and *0323-0400* 19/Oct (Ken Zichi, Williamston, FL, MARE Tipsheet Oct 21 via DXLD)

Another example of 'extra' English broadcasts by letting the

transmitter run as feeds repeat on the STL, webcast (gh, DXLD)

[Re 11-42:] The new Radio Tirana schedule must start later on October 21; Thought I would give it one last try, and heard the station in English on 7425 at 0030 UT Friday the 21st, marginal signal with news and a press review. However abruptly off at 0038, and didn't come back after a few minutes. Unable to check later in the evening. Was this the last evening English to NA?

Today things are a long way from the strident Marxist-Leninist dogma that RT spouted endlessly when I first heard the station in 1967
(Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tuned in at 0026 on 9860 and heard the end of the Albanian broadcast with presumed national anthem until 0028 then interval signal to 0030. The English broadcast started with 2 minutes of time and frequency announcements from the original A11 schedule. The news followed and continued until 0036 when there was 2 minutes of local press review and then a couple of nice songs until 0043. I tuned away to check 7425 at the start of the press review and heard nothing but static. At 0043 the interval signal started playing and this continued until 0058 when the transmitter went off abruptly. 9860 was a consistently good signal from tune in time and only bothered by very slight interference from 9855 (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, UT Oct 21, ibid.)

Radio Tirana 21 October 2011 --- Tuned in at 1427 on 13625. The transmitter was already on with an extremely strong signal which was still strong with the local/DX switch on my receiver set to local. 2 minutes of interval signal started at 1428 and then 2 minutes of time and frequency announcements from the original A11 schedule. The news followed until 1437 and then 2 minutes of press review followed by some nice songs until 1446.

Albanian Outstanding Personalities was about Mother Teresa who I didn't know was Albanian. At 1456 a quick closing announcement, closing theme and abruptly off at nearly 1457. The extremely strong signal continued for nearly all the broadcast except for a few minutes around 1450 when there was some slight fading. Unfortunately the whole broadcast was quite distorted although still listenable (Harry Brooks, North East England UK, ibid.)

Tirana's new reduced schedule seems to be in effect this Friday 21st as there is no more French at 1900 on 7465. English heard at 1845 on 7520 and 13735 (JM Aubier, France, ibid.)

Radio Tirana still appears to be on the original A11 schedule. Tuned in at 1900 Oct 21 with 2 receivers on 7520 and 7465 to hear the interval signal on both frequencies. At 1901 on 7520 the Italian

broadcast started and on 7465 the French broadcast started and both still on at 1906. But at 1914 re-check nothing on either frequency (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, *ibid.*)

And French at 1922 on 7465 (JM Aubier, *ibid.*)

As per the new schedule German now on 7465 and the webcast at 1946. (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, *ibid.*)

As per the new schedule Radio Tirana English broadcast at 2000 on 7465 and the webcast. 7465 at this time is only fair to good but with no interference (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, Oct 21, *ibid.*) And not on 13735? (gh, DXLD)

Radio Tirana in English at 0033 on 9860, 7425 and the webcast (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, UT Oct 22, *ibid.*)

I listened to them here in Vernon, British Columbia, at 0034 on 9860 (they went off sometime before 0044 because they were gone when I checked back at that time) and at 0145 s/on 7425 (Harold Sellers, *ibid.*)

The quarter-hour broadcasts usually run 12-13 minutes, so don't be surprised if they are gone before a full 15 (gh, DXLD)

9860, Radio Tirana, 0034 English, man with news to 0038, tuned away and when I returned at 0044 they were already off. Fair. 10/22/11.

7425, Radio Tirana 0143 carrier on and musical IS, 0145 English s/on iThis is Radio Tirana.i, gave full English schedule, including 0030 and 0145 broadcasts, muffled audio. Fair 10/22/11 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

German 1801-1829 on 1458 is still on air tonight as well. So it seems we can put this Oct 21-29 schedule aside and wait for the final B11 arrangement. Perhaps the quoted advise reflects the upcoming situation rather than what has perhaps been sent out prematurely?

And things have come a long way also in regard to the reception quality. 1458 used to be much better here than it is now in spite of an unchanged nominal power of 500 kW. If I'm correct the co-channel Brookmans Park outlet has since been increased from 50 to 125 kW, but should this alone have ruined the reception so thoroughly? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RT cuts from Oct 21 onwards, not in effect yet

Dear Drita, Deletion:

2400-0030 7425 SHI 100 kW S-08 antenna at 300 deg to NoAM
2400-0030 9860 SHI 100 kW S-15 antenna at 310 deg to NoAM
came across Albanian pop songs program today at Oct 22 at 2350 UT
heard til Oct 23 at 0008 UT. So, the Radio Tirana program lasted still
til 0030 UT.

9859.970 odd frequency but VERY GREAT signal at outstanding
propagation conditions to Western Europe. S=9+45 dBm !!!

7424.982 odd frequency but VERY DISTORTED AUDIO signal, like WRONG
FINAL TUBE transmitter unit. Though strong signal of S=9+20dBm here in
western Europe. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B.schel, Oct 22, cc to DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

Contrary to info from R. Tirana itself that a new curtailed schedule
would go into effect Oct 21, we are still hearing some of the
transmissions supposedly canceled: Oct 22 at 2155, 9860 is still on
with music in Albanian service; and again at 0020 Oct 23 music, fair
signal // 7425 which has more distortion; 0027:30 seguÈ to NA, 0028:45
starts IS, sounds like a wow/snag on the tape; 0030 sign-on in English
as I am still listening to 7425 which is overrunning until off at
0031*.

Back to 9860 for continuation of sign-on English transmission
schedule, same old recording still claiming all broadcasts and the
wrong frequency, 13640 instead of 13735, for 1845 and 2000. BTW, at
0030, 7425 was stronger than neighbor WBCQ on 7415 [also see USA].
Next check at 0354, 7425 still on with music toward end of the 0330
English broadcast. Perhaps they didn't get word yet at Shijak of the
reduced schedule. No English anyway on Sundays/UT Mondays, so next
times to check for real curtailment are 1845, 2000 Monday on 13735.

It's really a shame that all the English broadcasts to North America
in the evening are supposedly being canceled, leaving us with only
1430 on 13625 (B-11 1530 on 13640), when reception is greatly inferior
to 7425 in the 00-04 period. If there can be only a single semihour of
English to North America, it should be at 0330 instead of 1530/1430. I
suspect they really want to abolish the night shift at the site/studio
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Drita «iÁo explains that the new curtailed R. Tirana schedule for Oct
21-29 did not go into effect after all, so the cuts are not expected
to happen until Oct 30 with B-11 (Glenn Hauser, OK, Oct 24, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

13735, no trace of R. Tirana at 1855 or 1958-2000+ Oct 24, for the
1845 and 2000 English broadcasts, which will supposedly last one more

week. It's really catch-as-catch-can with this station. Presumed Kuwait was making it thru poorly on 13650; and better YFR via Wertachtal on 13750 until 1900.

7425 and 9860, Oct 25 at 0038, R. Tirana inaudible on either; K-index would soon hit 5 in severe propagation disturbance; did not get 7425 checked for the subsequent broadcasts.

13625, Oct 25 at 1437, no R. Tirana detected now either, tho various other signals on band, still not fully recovered from disturbance. Earlier checking at 1406, there was some intermittent ute noise circa 13628.

No signals from R. Tirana to be heard UT Oct 26: 0040 on 9860, 7425; 0150 and 0235 on 7425 where there had been English. Nor at 1431 on 13625. So are any R. Tirana broadcasts on air this week?

The only English from Oct 30 will be, Mon-Sat:

1530-1600 on 13640 NAm, 2100-2130 on 7530 Eu

The only Albanian left on SW will be daily:

0800-1000 on 7390 Eu, 0000-0100 on 7425 NAm

(one hour earlier Oct 21-29)

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. 9590, Oct 24 at 0525, Chinese song // 9515, so both must be CRI Arabic service via Cîrrik relay: yes, 9515 is 240 degrees, 9590 is 140 degrees. Long song almost sounded like Jesus rock, but surely not, finally ending by 0534, into Arabic ID and talk (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA. QSL: Radio Algerienne, ChaÓne 3, 252, f/d Camels/Bedouins drawing card in 588 days for French report via airmail with US \$5.00 return postage, and follow-up in French first via email in August of 2010 and then via registered mail with return receipt and 2 IRCs. Received 50 days after registered mail follow-up. No v/s. Also sent window decal. Station was heard at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. 6th confirmed Kandahar APO victim (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Oct 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. 4949.75, 17/10 2113, RNA, talks, but low modulation, poor (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, My SW blog:
<http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balun), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, Oct 20 is the 32nd anniversary of LRA36, plus being a Thursday makes it a likely day for a signal. Started checking

at 1243, nothing, but a rapid ``V`` pulsing noise faded in and out, like an alarm, maybe local. Finally at 1304 I do get a JBA carrier on 15476, and at 1312, but seems gone at 1314, so may have made just another token appearance. In the 1315-1326+ period, however, I have a just as weak carrier on 15475 instead. Wonder if their tuning slipped, or another something local; computer is on but haven't had anything on 15475 before. By 1345 nothing at all. It's odd that we never see any reports of LRA36 from S America, where it ought to have a listenable signal, while anything more than a carrier is a rarity here (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Then the following arrived after the fact at 1515 UT Oct 20:

ARGENTINA: 32 AÑOS DE RADIO ARGENTINA EN LA ANTARTIDA
2011/10/20 | Autor AD

Hoy se cumple un nuevo aniversario de la puesta en operaciones de la primera y única radio que emite su programación desde el continente blanco. Se trata de LRA 36 Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel que comenzó con sus emisiones en 1982 desde la Base Marambio.

Esta radio es una de las pocas emisoras de Argentina en Onda Corta y es por ello que es tan querida por los diexistas de todo el mundo, quienes se disputan por poseer su tarjeta de QSL, por ser la única emisora en operaciones en ese continente. Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel emite en la frecuencia de 15.476 kHz en la banda de 19 metros y utiliza un transmisor de 10 kilovatios.

Reportes de sintonía de DX en Youtube [49 second clip linked here]
<http://www.cordobes.com/30dias/2011/10/32-anos-de-radio-argentina-en-la-antartida/>
[also link to another Youtube of 7-minute 2009y Actualidad DX RAE show re 30th anniversary]

Altasierra Documentales se conectó con los operadores y locutores de esta emisora austral para felicitarlos por la loable tarea, de llevar la palabra argentina en este inmenso continente y para conocer mayores detalles sobre sus transmisiones; en ese sentido nos hemos enterado que hoy desde las 10 de la mañana emitirán un programa especial con información de su historia y por supuesto con un gran clima de fiesta.

Historia de Radio Arcángel San Gabriel

El 20 de octubre del año 1979 a las 11:45 hs, se inauguró LRA 36 Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel en la Base Esperanza de la Antártida Argentina, filial de LRA Radio Nacional.

La misma estuvo a cargo de miembros del personal militar de la base, dedicándose los mismos al control, mantenimiento y operación técnica

de la consola y equipos, y siendo sus locutoras, esposas de distintos integrantes de la dotaciÛn.

Previo a la invernada, el personal que fue designado a formar parte de LRA36, asiste a un curso dado en el gubernamental Instituto Superior de Enseàanza RadiofÛnica (ISER).

Esta es la primera y 'nica emisora del mundo ubicada el la Antártida, desde su puesta al aire, quedó incorporada al Servicio Oficial de RadiodifusiÛn, siendo su primer operador el Sargento Primero Eduardo F. DE CARLI, y en la locuciÛn la Señora Silvia LUCA de ARNOUIL.

Tiene una potencia de 10 kW, irradiando en la frecuencia de 15.476 kHz en la banda de 19m en amplitud modulada (AM) con transmisiones restringidas por ahorro energÉtico los días martes y jueves de 10 a 12 horas. Tambiéñ posee un transmisor en FM en la frecuencia de 97.6 MHz (FM) destinado a la retransmisiÛn de Radio Nacional e informaciÛn para los habitantes de la base.

Esta emisora desde su fundaciÛn fue creando gran interès, no solo dentro de la Base Esperanza, sino que trascendiÛ para ser escuchada en todo nuestro paÌs, resto de America del Sur y central, Europa, Asia y toda Norteamerica.

Para conectarse con la emisora

Lo puede hacer por telÉfono al: 0810-222-0770 o por correo electrÛnico a: lra36@infovia.com.ar o lra36esperanza@yahoo.com.ar

Jorge Villavicencio, para AD Revista 2011 (c). Fuente y foto:

FundaciÛn Marambio. FUENTE: <http://bit.ly/rjLLGW>

(via Yimber Gaviria, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

Points of interest in the above. First it says that LRA36 started in 1982 at a different base, Marambio; then later it says it started in 1979 at Esperanza! It may be the 'first and only' now, but of course there was AFAN, the US station at McMurdo for a number of years on 6012, which the Argies like to overlook.

Says the schedule is Tue & Thu only at 13-15 UT, due to energy conservation restrixions. That appears to be current, but also says power is 10 kW, while other reports said it is a 5 kW unit, and run at much less than that (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 15345 16/10 2040 Radio Nacional, Argentina, talks and music, good (QRG not measured)

15345.14 17/10 1937 RAE, Argentina, in Italian, sport news, weak/fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton

E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Nacional LRA1 em 10840 kHz --- Pessoal, Ontem de madrugada, querendo descobrir emissoras fora da banda com o novo e excelente receptor TECSUN PL-660, acabei encontrando algo interessante. A recepção era muito clara da Rádio Nacional da Argentina pelos 10840 kHz (me pareceu mais 10839 kHz) entre as 0445 e as 0500 UT. A emissora emite em 870 kHz. Por isso a primeira coisa que me passou pela mente era que se tratava de um harmônico. Sinceramente, não me pareceu, por duas razões:

- 1) a frequência não era regular, exatamente nos 10840 kHz;
- 2) às 0500 UTC o sinal foi cortado, enquanto que permanecia a emissão pelos 870 kHz. Hoje à noite vou continuar monitorando para ver se o sinal continua por lá. O modo de transmissão, nem preciso dizer, é AM mesmo. Nada de SSB.

Log:

10840, 19/10 0450 ARG?, Rádio Nacional LRA1, Buenos Aires?, px debate abt diversos assuntos, advs e IDs diversas, YL "Nacional, la rádio pública" 23332. Receptor TECSUN PL-660, antena longwire 10 metros (Marcelo Vieira, Maringá - Paraná, Brasil, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

Sarmento, Pode ser que seja sim. Curioso é que o sinal é só um pouco mais fraco do que os 870 kHz. Ainda ontem ouvi novamente o sinal nos 10 MHz. Mesma programação das ondas médias. Só que como estava com sono, não ouvi até as 05UTC para ver se o sinal saía do ar.

O Huelbe cogitou a possibilidade de ser uma imagem dos 25 metros. Mas, corri a banda e nada parecido. Mas vale a curiosidade de ficar procurando sinais fora das bandas. Gosto muito disso. Sempre surpresas... 73! (Marcelo Vieira, Maringá - PR, DXCB - 30 anos de dedicação ao dexismo, ibid.)

Guess what? 11710 minus 870 = 10840, so a mixing product between their SW and MW frequencies, must be at same site General Pacheco. 0500 is about when the SW has been reported closing down; see DXLD 11-41. Really should be more like 10841, with 11710 habitually off-frequency to hi side. Wonder if they are finally installing new SW transmitter, which could account for this suddenly appearing (Guilherme Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, ibid.)

RAE ora a 15344.7 in LSB ben comprensibile, in AM impossibile causa R. Marocaine. 73 a tutta la lista (Ivan Guerini, # Swl I2 - 5759 #, 1927 UT Oct 19, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Stanno chiudendo la trasmissione con i programma DX internazionale parlando di Radio Angola, io l'ho ascoltata in LSB giocando con notch shift e il segnale preso dalle cuffie del Kenwood R5000 l'ho filtrato ulteriormente dal PC con il software dspfilter v1.11. Ciao a tutti (Ivan Guerini, 1958 UT, ibid.)

15345.08, R. Nacional, 0006-0114, Oct 24. In Spanish; regular programming preempted to cover the story of Sunday's re-election of President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner; commentary about the election; coverage of her victory speech; more commentary; played some pop LA songs; several IDs; mostly fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASIA [non]. Radio Free Asia announces B11 broadcast schedule; it goes into effect at 0800 UT, Sunday, October 30, 2011:

Burmese

0030-0130 12115 15700 17835
1230-1400 7245 11795 12105
1400-1430 11795 12105
1630-1730 7245

Cantonese

1400-1500 6025 7470
2200-2300 7250 9780 11775

Khmer

1230-1330 13810 15160
2230-2330 5790 11850

Korean

1500-1700 648 5855 7210 9385
1700-1900 648 5855 9385
2100-2200 648 7460 9385 11995

Lao

0000-0100 15690 17770
1100-1200 9325 15120

Mandarin

0300-0700 11980 13710 15150 15665 17880 21540
1500-1600 6025 7445 9790 9905 11945 13725
1600-1700 6020 7415 7445 9455 9905 11945 13725
1700-1800 6020 7415 7445 9355 9455 9905 11945 13670
1800-1900 6025 7385 7415 7445 9355 9455 9905 11790 11945 13670
1900-2000 1098 5860 6025 6095 7385 9355 9455 9875 9905 11790
11945

2000-2100	1098	5860	6025	6095	7355	7495	9355	9455	9875	11900
		11945								
2100-2200	1098	6025	6095	7355	7495	9355	9455	9875	11900	11945
2300-2400	7540	9585	9825	11775	11975	15550				

Tibetan

0100-0300	7470	9670	11695	15220	17730
0600-0700	17515	17715	21490	21695	
1000-1100	9690	15140	17750		
1100-1200	7470	9350	11590	15375	
1200-1400	7470	9350	11590	13625	15375
1500-1600	5780	9955	11625	11905	
2200-2300	6005	7470	9835		
2300-2400	6010	7470	7550	9875	

Uyghur

0100-0200	7480	9480	9645	9690	17850
1600-1700	7285	7470	9725	12080	

Vietnamese

0000-0030	5885	11605	11965	15135	
1400-1430	1503	7245	9455	9990	11605 12130 13735
1430-1500	7245	9455	9990	11605	12130 13735
2300-2330	1503				
2330-2400	1503	5885	11605	11965	15135

For QSL's

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(Via AJ Janitschek via Jaisakthivel ADXC, Tirunelveli, For B11
schedules visit: <http://www.adxc.wordpress.com> HCDX via DXLD) Sites?

U S A [non] B-11 RFA Daily Broadcast Frequencies. All times in UT.

Burmese (4 hours daily)

0030-0130	12115IRA	15700TIN	17835TIN	
1230-1330	7245TIN	11795TIN	12105IRA	
1330-1400	7245TIN(-1400)	11795IRA	12105IRA	
1400-1430	11795IRA	12105IRA		
1630-1730	7245IRA			

Cantonese (2 hours daily)

1400-1500	6025TIN	7470TIN	
2200-2300	7250TIN	9780SAI	11775TIN

Khmer (2 hours daily)

1230-1330 13810IRA 15160TIN
2230-2330 5790IRA 11850TIN

Korean (5 hours daily)

1500-1700 648RUS 5855TIN 7210IRK 9385TIN
1700-1800 648RUS 5855TIN 9385IRA
1800-1900 648RUS 5855TIN 9385IRA
2100-2200 648RUS 7460MNG 9385TIN 11995SAI

Lao (2 hours daily)

0000-0100 15690TIN 17770SAI
1100-1130 9325IRA 15120IRA
1130-1200 9325IRA 15120SAI

Mandarin (12 hours daily)

0300-0700 11980TJK 13710TIN 15150TIN 15665SAI 17615SAI fr Jan 1st
17880TIN 21540TIN
1500-1600 6025TIN 7445TIN 9790SAI 9905PAL 11945TJK 13725TIN
1600-1700 6020TIN 7415TIN 7445TIN 9455SAI 9905PAL 11945TJK
13725TIN
1700-1800 6020TIN 7415TIN 7445TIN 9355SAI 9455SAI 9905PAL
11945TJK 13670TIN
1800-1900 6025TIN 7385TWN 7415TIN 7445TIN 9355SAI 9455SAI
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9455SAI 9875PAL 9905TIN 11790SAI 11945TJK
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9455SAI 9875PAL 11900SAI 11945TJK
2300-0000 7540TJK 9585SAI 9825TIN 11775TIN 11975SAI 15550TIN

Tibetan (10 hours daily)

0100-0300 7470KWT 9670TJK 11695UAE 15220TIN 17730MNG
0600-0700 17515TJK 17715KWT 21490TIN 21695UAE
15660/15665/15670SAI fr Jan 1st
1000-1100 9690LTU 15140LAM 17750BIB
1100-1200 7470MNG 9350TJK 11590KWT 15375UAE
1200-1400 7470MNG 9350TJK 11590KWT 13625TIN 15375TJK
1500-1600 5780TJK 9955TIN 11625KWT 11880/11905UAE
2200-2300 6005TIN 7470TJK 9835LAM
2300-0000 6010UAE 7470TJK 7550KWT 9875LTU

Uyghur (2 hours daily)

0100-0200 7480TJK 9480LTU 9645UAE 9690UAE 17850TIN
1600-1700 7285TJK 7470IRA 9725UAE 12080SAI

Vietnamese (2 hours daily)
1400-1500 7245TIN 9455TIN 9990SAI 11605TWN 12130IRA 13735IRA
1400-1430 1503TWN
2300-2330 1359TWN
2330-2400 1359TWN 5885IRA 11605TWN 11965TIN 15135TIN
0000-0030 5885IRA 11605TWN 11965TIN 15135TIN (Radio Free Asia,
via William Hague-UK, NWDXC Oct 20 via Wolfgang B.schel, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. West Michigan DU Audio Oct. 23rd, 2011 --- DXing from West Michigan: 702.996, 2BL, ABC, Sydney, Australia - 1217 UT
10/23/2011 - Het peaking to threshold audio with a piano musical interlude. This was easily \\ against ABC's web stream. Slop from WLW minimal by now allowing a few seconds of audio to come to the surface, and the musical segment could not have provided a better sample to \\ against! Het nearly gone completely only a few minutes later. 9,345 miles! 73, (Tim Tromp, Muskegon, MI, Microtelecom Perseus SDR + phased BOGs, ABDX via DXLD)

Great catch, but oops, it's nominal 702 kHz, so does he mean 701.996? By 'het' he means carrier, which may or may not produce a heterodyne depending on bandwidth, what it's beating against, etc. (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 5025, 15/10 *2130, ABC, VL8K, Katherine, start on 60m, reports, weak, no ABC signals on 4910 & 4835 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balun), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. *UAE*, 9855, Radio Australia English broadcast to SE Asia via Dhabbya. Oct. 21. 11 2216-2302 News and commentary of Gaddafi's death, into media news and sports review to 2257 with this nice ID: 'You are listening to Radio Australia, across the southeast Asia region', followed with a woman from Lahore India and a report, News at the TOH. fair to good, with flutter (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada, Oct 22, Drake R8A, Eton E1; antenna: 60, 49, 41, 31, 25, 19, 16 and 13-meter 1/4 wave slopers with 1:1 matching balun; 125 foot long wire, pointed due east, with 4:1 balun match, with pi-type antenna tuner trap-sloper, cut for 6955 kHz, pointed due south, 1:1 matching balum top feed, with 41-meter long wire, top feed for radial effect, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SINGAPORE

** BAHRAIN. 9745, 13/10 2359, Radio Bahrain, talks by woman in Arabic, songs, carrier modulated only in upper side. Good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 baloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. QSL: Radio Belarus 1st Channel, 279, f/d hand-written Belarus Radio folder card, sticker and postcard in 516 days for English report with US \$5.00, and follow-up with registered mail, 3 IRCs and cover letter in Russian. Received 32 days after follow-up report. This station was heard in Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. V/s. Ms. Larisa Su-rez of the "Letters" program, who avers that they always promptly answer listeners' letters and never received my first report. This is the 5th confirmed victim of the Kandahar Army Post Office. I have dispatched an official complaint letter to the APO Inspector General (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Oct 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM [non]. TDP B11 SHORTWAVE TRANSMITTER AIRTIME

PROGRAM	TIME (UTC)	FREQ(kHz)	AM/DRM	DAYS	LANG	TARGET AREA
Radio Miraya	0300-0600	9940	AM	mtwtfss	Arab/Eng	Africa
Denge Mezopotamya	0400-1500	11530	AM	mtwtfss	Kurdish	Middle East
Denge Mezopotamya	1500-2000	7540	AM	mtwtfss	Kurdish	Middle East
TDPradio	0700-0800	6015	DRM	m-----	English	Europe
TDPradio	0800-0900	6015	DRM	-t-----	English	Europe
TDPradio	0900-1000	6015	DRM	--w----	English	Europe
TDPradio	1000-1100	6015	DRM	--t---	English	Europe
TDPradio	1100-1200	6015	DRM	----f--	English	Europe
TDPradio	1200-1300	6015	DRM	-----s-	English	Europe
TDPradio	1300-1400	6015	DRM	-----s	English	Europe
The Khmer Post Radio	1200-1300	9960	AM	--wtf--	Khmer	Asia
KPPM Radio	1200-1300	9960	AM	-----ss	Khmer	Asia
Radio Democracia	1200-1300	21555	AM	-----s	Amharic	Africa
The Disco Palace	1530-1630	12115	DRM	mtwtfss	English	Asia/M East
Voice Of Asena	1700-1800	15360	AM	m-w-f--	Tigrinya	Africa
ESAT Radio	1700-1800	15370	AM	mtwtfss	Amharic	Africa
Gunaz Radio	1730-1830	7610	AM	mtwtfss	Azeri	Middle East
Dmetse Tewahedo	1830-1930	15370	AM	-----s-	Amharic	Africa
The Disco Palace	2000-2100	17755	DRM	mtwtfss	English	N America
Suab Xaa Moo Zoo	2230-2300	7530	AM	mtwtfss	Hmong	Asia

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(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD) See CAMBODIA n

** BONAIRE. 800, CARIBBEAN NETHERLANDS, Trans World Radio, Bonaire. 0030 October 19, 2011. Tune-in to beginning of low-key Spanish male gospel talker, different canned Spanish program after 0100. Jumble on the channel, but this one was holding forth until 0048 when bubbling under. Anyone in Florida and the Caribbean reading this recall the days when Radio Netherlands relays could actually be heard early evenings, back when they were much higher-powered? And, a super-low high-side het present, which I doubt I'll ever know the likely Central American/Caribe source of (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sangean PR-D5; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. In Brazil they introduced summer time for all States south of 12 degrees South from October 16 till February 26, 2012 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 19 via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD) UT -2 instead of UT -3 in most eastern areas, UT -3 instead of UT -4 further west (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. R Daqui 4915 exception --- Radio Daqui was active again this morning (Oct 21, 0530 UT) on 4915 kHz, which is very rare at this early morning time. They obviously did not intend to use this frequency during the night because they were announcing 1230 kHz only (on 4915 kHz usually observed with s/off around midnight UT or even earlier). (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, Oct 21, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

Many station ignore their SW frequency, so hearing only MW announced is not that strange (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Now I have found out in my notes that in fact I heard R Daqui on 4915 after 0500 UT already on September 21. And now on October 21! Does it mean that once a month there is a special event at Radio Daqui and the station stays on the air on 4915 over the night between the 20th and 21st day of the month? Interesting, is not it? I watch the 60 mb almost daily but I have not heard this station in the morning on this frequency between the two dates (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, Oct 22, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

R Daqui 4915 exception --- once again 4915 was one of strongest all-night regulars here, along with 4885 and 5025, until abt Jan/Feb 2011, when it disappeared abruptly. Sounds like more of a CFRX situation, where someone got around to fixing it (pod, ibid.)

You are right, there was R Dif Macap. regularly on 4915 kHz for many years but the station disappeared around Christmas 2010 (Karel Honzik, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. QSL: BRASIL, PPE, 10000, very friendly no data thank you letter in English in 37 days for report in Portuguese sent via airmail with 2 IRCs. V/s. Ricardo JosÈ de Carvalho, Head of Time Service Division. Mr. De Carvalho also sent a very nice brochure about the National Observatory in Portuguese with an added comment in his letter that it would soon be available in other languages as well. The letter gave technical details of their equipment and transmission and a sticker/seal celebrating 180 years of the National Observatory was affixed (Al Muick, Whitehall PA, Oct 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 15190, R·dio Inconfidncia, 0137 Portuguese with English song iI Canít Stop Loving You, 0140 iInconfidncia ID. Good.
10/22/11 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15189.96, R. Inconfidncia, Belo Horizonte MG, 0143, Oct 23. In Portuguese; iDon't Let the Sun Go Down On Me by Elton John, but mostly pop songs in Portuguese; 0159 full ID with frequencies; mostly poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BRASIL, 15190 R. Inconfidncia, Belo Horizonte MG, 1414-1431, 23/10, infos, advertisements; 25433. One could say this station is audible here during the whole day (Carlos Gonalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. B-11 Radio Bulgaria from Oct. 30, 2011 to Mar. 25, 2012:
ALBANIAN / e-mail: <albanian @ bnr.bg>
0630-0700 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU Mon-Fri
0630-0700 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU Mon-Fri
0700-0800 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU Sat/Sun
0700-0800 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU Sat/Sun
1700-1730 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
1700-1730 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU
2000-2100 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
2000-2100 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU

BULGARIAN / e-mail: <bulgarian @ bnr.bg>
0100-0200 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to NoAM
0100-0200 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to NoAM
0100-0200 on 7300 PLD 170 kW / 260 deg to SoAM
0100-0200 on 9400 PLD 170 kW / 245 deg to SoAM
0530-0600 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU Mon-Fri
0530-0600 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU Mon-Fri
0530-0600 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 115 deg to N&ME Mon-Fri

0530-0600 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 126 deg to N&ME Mon-Fri
0530-0600 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU Mon-Fri
0530-0600 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU Mon-Fri
0500-0600 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU Sat/Sun
0500-0600 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU Sat/Sun
0500-0600 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 115 deg to N&ME Sat/Sun
0500-0600 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 126 deg to N&ME Sat/Sun
0500-0600 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU Sat/Sun
0500-0600 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU Sat/Sun
1400-1500 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 078 deg to CeAS
1400-1500 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 030 deg to EaEU
1400-1500 on 11600 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
1400-1500 on 15600 PLD 300 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
1600-1700 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
1600-1700 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU
1600-1700 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 078 deg to CeAS
1600-1700 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 030 deg to EaEU
1600-1700 on 9700 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
1600-1700 on 15700 PLD 300 kW / 185 deg to SoAF
1900-2000 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
1900-2000 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU
2200-2300 on 6000 PLD 170 kW / 260 deg to SoEU
2200-2300 on 9400 PLD 170 kW / 245 deg to SoEU
DX MIX NEWS 0545-0600 Sun; 1445-1500 Sun; 1945-2000 Sun

ENGLISH / e-mail: <english @ bnr.bg>
0000-0100 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to NoAM
0000-0100 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to NoAM
0300-0400 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to NoAM
0300-0400 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to NoAM
0730-0800 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
0730-0800 on 9400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU
1830-1900 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
1830-1900 on 9700 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU
2200-2300 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
2200-2300 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU
DX MIX NEWS 2230-2240 Fri; 0030-0040 Sat; 0330-0340 Sat; 0740-0750 Sun
WORLD OF RADIO 1588,

FRENCH / e-mail: <french @ bnr.bg>
0200-0300 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to NoAM
0200-0300 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to NoAM
0700-0730 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
0700-0730 on 9400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU
1800-1830 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
1800-1830 on 9700 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU
2100-2200 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
2100-2200 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU

DX MIX NEWS 2130-2140 Tue; 0230-0240 Wed; 2130-2140 Sun; 0230-0240 Mon

GERMAN / e-mail: <german @ bnr.bg>

0630-0700 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
0630-0700 on 9400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU
1730-1800 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
1730-1800 on 9700 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU
2000-2100 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 306 deg to WeEU
2000-2100 on 7400 PLD 300 kW / 295 deg to WeEU

DX MIX NEWS 2050-2100 Tue; 0650-0700 Thu; 2020-2030 Sat

GREEK / e-mail: <greek @ bnr.bg>

0600-0630 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU Mon-Fri
0600-0630 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU Mon-Fri
0600-0700 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU Sat/Sun
0600-0700 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU Sat/Sun
1730-1800 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
1730-1800 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU
2100-2200 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
2100-2200 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU

RUSSIAN / e-mail: <russian @ bnr.bg>

0400-0430 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 030 deg to EaEU
0400-0430 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 078 deg to CeAS
1500-1600 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 078 deg to CeAS
1500-1600 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 030 deg to EaEU
1900-2000 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 078 deg to CeAS
1900-2000 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 030 deg to EaEU

DX MIX NEWS 1540-1600 Sat; 1940-2000 Sat; 0410-0430 Sun

SERBIAN / e-mail: <serbian @ bnr.bg>

0700-0730 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU Mon-Fri
0700-0730 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU Mon-Fri
0800-0900 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU Sat/Sun
0800-0900 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU Sat/Sun
1800-1830 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
1800-1830 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU
2200-2300 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
2200-2300 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU

SPANISH / e-mail: <spanish @ bnr.bg>

0000-0100 on 7300 PLD 170 kW / 260 deg to SoAM
0000-0100 on 9400 PLD 170 kW / 245 deg to SoAM
0200-0300 on 7300 PLD 170 kW / 260 deg to SoAM
0200-0300 on 9400 PLD 170 kW / 245 deg to SoAM
0700-0730 on 7300 PLD 170 kW / 260 deg to SoEU
0700-0730 on 9800 PLD 170 kW / 245 deg to SoEU
1730-1800 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 260 deg to SoEU

1730-1800 on 9400 PLD 170 kW / 245 deg to SoEU
2100-2200 on 6000 PLD 170 kW / 260 deg to SoEU
2100-2200 on 9400 PLD 170 kW / 245 deg to SoEU
DX MIX NEWS 1750-1800 Sun; 2120-2130 Sun; 0020-0030 Mon; 0220-0230 Mon

TURKISH / e-mail: <turkish @ bnr.bg>
0600-0630 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 115 deg to N&ME
0600-0630 on 7400 PLD 170 kW / 126 deg to N&ME
1830-1900 on 747 PET 300 kW / non-dir to SEEU
1830-1900 on 1224 VDN 300 kW / 205 deg to SEEU
1830-1900 on 5900 PLD 170 kW / 078 deg to N&ME

MW: PET=Petritch (G.C. 41N28/023E19) 1 x 300 kW
VDN=Vidin (G.C. 43N50/022E43) 1 x 300 kW
SW: PLD=Plovdiv (G.C. 42N23/024E52) 2 x 300 kW, 3 x 170 kW

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(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 22 Oct via DXLD)

What has become of the other site, Kostinbrod, a.k.a. Sofia? It had been planned for numerous 50 kW DRM transmissions, and was recently heard running simultaneous to some Plovdiv transmissions resulting in unsynchronized echoes. Those in fact were shown on the A-11 schedule from the same source via 2 x 100 kW AM transmitters plus 1 x 50 kW DRM (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So yet another shortwave site that will go dark on Saturday. And it seems here we finally have the apparent reason for testing Kostinbrod on some Padarsko (a.k.a. Plovdiv) frequencies back in May: To make a decision about which site to keep.

These 2 x 100 kW transmitters each appear to be a pair of 50 kW SNEG units, always run in pairs with combiners already delivered with the transmitters (the 4 x 100 kW at Königs Wusterhausen were likewise 8 SNEG transmitters as well). If I recall correctly, the DRM, which they will now apparently dump altogether, has finally been run with the single 250 kW transmitter at Kostinbrod, apparently not reflected yet in this photo gallery (which suggests that the "100 kW" are rather 70 kW, if the inscription is no misunderstanding):
<http://www.predavatel.com/bg/1/kostinbrod#rps>

In fact there used to be another "Sofia" shortwave site, Stolnik, with at least one transmitter identical to ones installed at Brovary near Kiev. Note the wavelength indicators of which the readable ones refer to 15330, 9700 and 6070 kHz, all being frequencies used around 1990:
<http://www.predavatel.com/bg/1/elin-pelin#stolnik>

For Brovary see

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mbr/sets/72157594211977744/with/198191948/>

Note also the baroque studio monitor left of the control console there.

And Padarsko will see a cost-cutting change as well: They will primarily use the three 250 kW transmitters and fall back upon only one of the 500 kW rigs as the fourth unit they need to run this schedule, in some cases just to make an immediate beam switch at the hour which the antenna matrix switch presumably does not allow, so they will rather cut one transmitter off and immediately after that another one on the same frequency but another antenna on. And here the powers are already for years officially reduced to 170 and 300, respectively, kW. Photos of the equipment which is pretty similar to the shortwave installations at Grigoropol, in particular the SGD-RA dipole walls and the PA rotatable antenna:

<http://www.predavatel.com/bg/3/brezovo#padarsko>

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I too was suspecting one of these sites was [to] disappear for the exact reason you give, Kai (Ian Baxter, NSW, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. Radio Varna SW: Date of Passing --- Hi all, SW transmissions from Radio Varna ceased on April 6, 2010.

RIP: Varna - Bolyartsi (SW)

More information about this broadcaster along with an image of the SW dipole (almost a spider web) can be found here:

http://www.predavatel.com/bg/6/varna_radio_varna_bnr

<http://www.predavatel.com/bg/6/varna>

73's. (Ian Baxter, NSW, Oct 25, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** CAMBODIA [non]. 9960, Oct 23 at 1256, music, presumably Cambodian in tuneby. This frequency via PALAU had been in use Wed/Thu/Fri only for Khmer Post Radio, Sat only for KPPM Radio. But now this version:
<http://www.airtime.be/schedule.html>

shows The Khmer Post Radio, 7 days a week at 12-13. Is this current, updated? One is never quite sure with TDP whose pages are never dated (other than as A-11). Is KPPM Radio really gone? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Per Glenn's comments and question with his Oct 23 reception ñ I believe <http://www.airtime.be/schedule.html> is incorrect. I checked Oct 24 and 25 (Mon. & Tue.) on 9960 with random times between 1200 to 1300 and found no programming at all; clearly The Khmer Post Radio is not on 7 days a week (at least not this week!). Suspect it is still Wed/Thu/Fri only for Khmer Post Radio, with KPPM Radio being aired

Saturday AND Sunday per their facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Khmer-Power-Movement-KPM/276670769252> :

iFrom October 16, 2011 KPPM Radio increases its broadcasting into Cambodia 2 times a week, it is on Saturday & Sunday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM through AM Frequency 99,6 kHz [sic] or Shortwave WS2 & WS2 Frequency 9960 kHz.î (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROON. I have not heard the elusive Cameroon transmitter on 6005 [Buea] for several months now so I wonder if it is finally gone for good (James MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), Oct 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROON [non]. "CAMEROON", 11975 Sawtu Linjila - Voice of the Gospel via Issoudun. Oct. 21. 11 1838-1859* Commentary / dialogue between two fellas about travels within Cameroon/Nigeria. Closing melody, sign-off announcements, gave the P. O. Box 02 in Cameroon during closing, then African Balafon Music followed to sign-off. Nice signal (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada, Oct 22, Drake R8A, Eton E1; antenna: 60, 49, 41, 31, 25, 19, 16 and 13-meter 1/4 wave slopers with 1:1 matching balun; 125 foot long wire, pointed due east, with 4:1 balun match, with pi-type antenna tuner trap-sloper, cut for 6955 kHz, pointed due south, 1:1 matching balum top feed, with 41-meter long wire, top feed for radial effect, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11975, 17/10 1854-1858* Lutheran World Federation, via Issoudun, France, talks in African language, id, end BC at 1858, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 860, CBKF2, Saskatoon, SK, 1222-1245 UT, 10/21/11, I'm fairly sure this was my UNID Canadian station first heard on 10/14/11. Carrying PREMIERE CHAINE programming. Tuned in to French talk by W announcer. Played one very old sounding song then back to French talk. Heard a mention of "Radio Canada....Saskatchewan..." Positively ID'd by finding their // online streaming audio.

I was looking at the gray line pattern for Fri AM and found it kind of interesting that when I logged those 3 new northern stations [with USA: 650 WNMT, 910 WHSM], each one of them was very near the gray line for their individual areas around the time they were audible here. From WI to MN to SK. I'm of course just guesstimating (Kirk Allen, Ponca City OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. 6030, Calgary - CFVP relaying CKMX (AM 1060).

2337, Oct 23. C&W songs; "There's A Blue Bird On Your Windowsill" by Wilf Carter, etc.; IDs; mixing with Marti. Marti off at 0300, Oct 24 (Monday), but Cuban jamming continued on mixing with cowboy drama "The Lone Ranger"; 0318 theme music from "Gunsmoke". At *0325 heard the very faint IS for Radio Oromiya (Ethiopia). Would be so nice if Cuba ended the jamming at 0300! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 9625, CBC NQS with "The Sunday Edition-Round Midnight" with a long item that started with a snippet of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Phantom of the Opera" but which focused on a book by a female author who wrote about the book, various film adaptations, and the origins of the original story, and its 'mystique'. ID and into CBC News at ToH with item re Israel/Palestine prisoner swap. ID in French at :04 and into an instrumental version of O Canada at :05, tone at :06:30-:09 and carrier still on at :20! Reception marred by splatter, but in OK 4+44+44 0438-0510 17/Oct (Ken Zichi, Williamston, FL, MARE Tipsheet Oct 21 via DXLD)

** CHAD. 6165 - R. National Tchad, N'Djamena - Good signal this afternoon, 2105. Strength is only moderate but very little QRM. All in French starting with om in conversation with another om into brief drum interlude than another om with clear ID followed by program promo/intro? into political related program/comment (Steve Wood, Drake R8B / 25 x 50 superloop (N/E oriented), Oct 25, NASWA yg via DXLD) And where is he? New England, I think (gh, DXLD)

Thanks!! Really nice signal in WI 2140-2147+ with super nice Afropops!! (Don Jensen, Kenosha, ibid.)

6165, RTV du Tchad at 2200 in French with a man and woman with apparent news with mentions of iTchadî and iN'Djamenaî and a man with full ID of iOffice National de Radio et Television du Tchadî at 2206 - Weak Oct 26 on an Alinco DX-R8T and a loaded inverted vee dipole that resonates at 4100 kHz (Mark Coady, Ont., Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Enjoy it for a few more days, as B-11 skeds show a lot of QRM coming on 6165; Chad doesn't bother to participate in HFCC:
18-22 Croatia, 2030-2130 Iran, 2155-01 CNR Beijing, 22-23 Vietnam (gh)

** CHILE [and non]. 17680, Oct 24 at 1452, CVC La Voz which is normally loud and clear all day, has heavy CCI and a SAH varying around 5 Hz, from something playing Afro/Asian(?) music. In fact, BBC Somali, 300 kW, 160 degrees via CYPRUS has been scheduled since 19 July at 1300-1600, but I hadn't noticed it before vs CVC which is 100 kW at 0 degrees (or non-directional?). So far it looks like this problem will go away in B-11, but UAE could be on 17680 from 10 to 17 --- many of those registrations are wooden (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 5760-5815, Oct 20 at 1252, 0TH radar pulses presumed from here, barely missing WTWW 5755 and nothing audible from AFN Guam 5765; also exactly 1 MHz higher at 6760-6815, no coincidence, plus 6955-7010 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 8400, Firedrake, Oct. 11, 0925. Fair, noted // on 7970, also fair. Only 7970 remained on recheck after 1030.

7970, Firedrake jammer. Oct. 14, 1245. Crashing and banging with good signal. No other FDs heard at this time, noting open carrier on 12500. Earlier bandscan at 1040 showed no frequencies active (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200 , Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, ABDX via DXLD)

EAST JAMMERSTAN: 13970, Crash & Bang Chinese Music Jammer; 1524, 19-Oct with no detectable co-ch audio; 1438, 20-Oct; covering co-channel audio (Harold Frogde, Midland, MI, MARE Tipsheet Oct 21 via DXLD)

7970, Firedrake Jammer, Oct. 20, 1030. Crash-Boom-Bang, fair to good. Two //s noted, Good on 12230, very very good on 10300. Some other "usuals" vacant, such as 11500, 8400 (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200 , Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, ABDX via DXLD)

Firedrake Oct 20, before 1300:

7970, fair at 1253
10300, good at 1254
11500, fair at 1254
12230, good at 1256 with flutter
13970, good at 1256
14700, very good at 1257
15670, poor, barely audible under CNR1 jamming
16100, fair at 1258
16980, good at 1257; none in the 17s
18200, good at 1259-1300*
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12230, Firedrake Musical Jammer, Oct. 21, 1120. VG, with VG // transmissions on 7970, 10300, 11500, 13970, 14700. This is noteworthy because daily I hear a number of Firedrakes on after 1000, but they all go off the air on the hour at 1100. But these are running now into the 1200 hour (Rick Barton, El Mirage, AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, CumbreDX via DXLD)

Firedrake Oct 21, before 1300:

7970, good at 1245
10300, good at 1256
11500, good at 1257
12230, good at 1257
12600, good at 1257
13970, good at 1258
14700, good at 1258
16100, good at 1259; None in the 15s, 17s or 18s before 1300

Before 1400:

16700, good at 1343; none in the 17s, 18s
15970, very good at 1343
15525, good at 1344, but cut to open carrier and off at 1345* --- Then did not find it on any other 15 MHz channel
13970, very good at 1347; none in the 14s
13850, very good at 1347, ACI de WWCR 13845; none in the 12s
10300, very good at 1350
7970, poor at 1355
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

10300, Firedrake Jammer. Oct. 22, 1025, Very strong with noted //s on 7970 (fair), 12600 (good), and 12230 (very good). (Rick Barton, El Mirage, AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, CumbreDX via DXLD)

Firedrake Oct 22, before 1300:

7970, fair at 1246
10300, good at 1249
11500, good at 1249
12230, good at 1250
12600, good at 1250
13970, fair at 1252
14700, good at 1252
15970, very good at 1252; none in the 16s, 17, 18s before 1300

Before 1400:

7970, fair at 1347
10300, good at 1347
11500, very poor at 1346
12230, good at 1346
13850, fair at 1349 with heavy WWCR 13845 ACI
13970, very poor at 1349
14700, very good at 1350
15970, very good at 1354
16100, very good at 1354; none in the 17s 18s

After 1400:

17570, fair at *1405 along with noise jamming, presumably vs. V. of

Tibet via Madagascar, jumping here today instead of vacant 17560

15440, good at 1407 with CCI; all gone at 1435 check. Presumably vs V. of Tibet jumparound via Tajikistan. Oct 21 Aoki had that on 15433 until 1402, 15557 from 1401, but usage varies widely from day to day, to keep the jammers on their toes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13680, Firedrake Jamming, Oct. 23, 1225. VG, crashing and banging, with equally good // on 13920. Didn't do bandscan for others this session (Rick Barton, El Mirage, AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, CumbreDX via DXLD)

Firedrake Oct 23, before 1300:

7970, no signal at 1256
10300, good at 1257
12230, good at 1257
12600, very good at 1257
13680, fair at 1259 [RHC not yet on]
13920, fair at 1259
14700, fair at 1259
None others up to 17000 by 1300

Before 1330:

15545, noise louder than FD jamming at 1331; also intermittent fast pulses 15500-15600 which may not be related
15900, very good at 1327
16100, very good at 1329; none in the 17s, 18s
14970 and 14700 without FD allowed Sound of Hope thru: see TAIWAN

Before 1400:

10300, fair at 1348
12600, very good at 1345
13850, good at 1344, with ACI from stronger 13845 WWCR
13920, good at 1344, same level as 13850

Before 1430:

17560, fair at 1426, where V. of Tibet via Madagascar must be today, nothing on 17570. VOT ought to jump between these during each broadcast, rather than from day to day, forcing the jammers and listeners to keep retuning, or just put two jammers, one on each frequency.

Firedrake Oct 24, after 1230:

10300, poor at 1233
11500, fair at 1233, making fast SAH with open carrier from Tajikistan
12230, good at 1234

12600, very poor at 1235
13130, good at 1235
13970, good at 1235; none in the 14s, 15s or 16s

Before 1400:

18200, very poor at 1348
16100, very poor at 1358; none in the 17s
15545, good at 1358
14700, very good at 1359
13970, very good at 1359
12230, very good at 1359
10300, fair at 1359; none in the 11s, 7s

Before 1500, a time I don't often check, found some unusual ones:
11550, good at 1442 making heavy clash with WEWN Spanish, its only
good transmitter, Commies vs Catholix!

12670, very good at 1444; Sound of Hope must be adventurous today
13680, very good at 1446, over RHC, Commies vs Commies!
13970, very good at 1446; none in the 14s
18200, good at 1454; none in the 15s, 16s, 17s

13800, Oct 24 at 1856 Firedrake with fair signal; could not do
complete bandscan with the DX-398 but did punch up most of the common
FD frequencies heard earlier in the day, and none others found.
Expected it to vanish at 1900, but continued past 1903, and for the
next hour still at 1941, 1953, but gone at 2001. Unlike Sound of Hope
which gets a break at the top of every hour, target here is R. Free
Asia in Chinese via Tajikistan at 17-20 which would usually be jammed
by CNR1. Aoki shows SOH could also appear on 13800 24 hours.

Firedrake Oct 25 before 0600 UT, during unusual propagation
conditions, i.e. after 1 pm ChiCom time, all with heavy flutter:

16980, poor at 0532
16700, poor at 0532
16100, poor at 0532
15900, poor at 0532
14700, poor at 0545
13960, JBA at 0548
13130, JBA at 0545
12230, JBA at 0548

Oct 25, before 1300:

12500, poor with flutter at 1246; none higher
12230, very poor at 1246
10300, good at 1249

Before 1400:

10300, good at 1357

12670, fair at 1357
13970, poor at 1358
14700, fair at 1358
15440, fair at 1358
15545, poor at 1359 with noise added
15970, fair at 1359-1400*
Started too late, so higher uncheck before 1400

Firedrake Oct 26, before 1300, mostly with flutter:

7970, poor at 1255
10300, good at 1255
12230, good at 1255
12500, very good at 1256
13970, very poor at 1257
14600, poor at 1257
15900, fair at 1258
16100, fair at 1259; none in the 17s or 18s by 1300

Before 1400:

16100, very good at 1346
15545, very good at 1348
15440, noise jamming way over the FD at 1349
14600, very good at 1349
13970, very good at 1351
12500, very good at 1352
12230, poor at 1351
11520, good signal at 1353 but very distorted! And mixing with noise
10300, good at 1353
7970, very poor at 1358
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6144.98, Qinghai PBS, Xining, 2156, Oct 25, open carrier
in the clear after CRI Hungarian s/off, 2200 Chinese & (heavily
accented) English opening procedure as on
<http://www.intervalsignals.net> --- talk, very pleasant flute solos.
Then at 2230 relayed CNR -1 // 4800 but QPBS about 10 seconds behind.
Ruined 2259 when co-channel CRI Sackville appeared. Slightly off
frequency, tnx to tip from Wolfgang Bueschel, who logged this on a
remote receiver which I did not, cf. DXLD 11-42 (Martien Groot,
Schoorl, Netherlands /TenTec RX340, 20 m longwire, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 15785, Oct 25 at 0535, Chinese with heavy flutter; HFCC
shows CRI via Xi'an. Momentary pause in Firedrake/RFA search (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR [non]. New evening transmission of Radio Okapi in
French/Lingala:

1600-1700 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg to CAF. New 11795 from Oct. 30 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 22 Oct via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

R. Okapi noted with good signal and full ID on new 11675 kHz in French from tune-in at 1613 on 23 October. Not listed in either AOKI or EiBi, but HFCC has a Babcock entry showing a broadcast via Al-Dhabbiya from 1600-1700 since 1 Oct (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 5954,0 0530- CTR 30.8 ELCOR, Guapiles, Pocici, Limo Spanish GH-USA [sic] (Oct-Nov DSWCI SW News via DXLD)

Of the scores of logs I have filed over a month or two, this single one was picked out by the log editor to mangle: I did not report it on 5954.0 as I know it is more like 5954.2. I would either have said 5954.2v, 5954+, or 5954, but NOT 5954.0 which implies that it was measured on that frequency to one decimal place! Furthermore, the location is Gu-piles, which has nothing to do with Pococi (not ``Pocici'' or Limún (not ``Limo''), pertaining to two other stations. Furthermore a slightly important detail was deleted: the station carried was Radio Rep'blica. And I am not even going to plough thru logs from everyone else subject to such misediting nonsense. All their details have also been deleted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5954.28, R Rep'blica, via Elcor, Costa Rica, *0115, Sep 30, opening ann, jamming was already on, fair signal but overall poor (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, DSWCI DX Window Oct 19 via DXLD)

** CUBA. 1060, Radio VientisEis, Jovellanos, Matanzas. 2356 October 20, 2011. Odd "Run Like Hell" Pink Floyd cover (female vocal in English, with Irish band back-up -- original song from "The Wall" album). Male canned, "Radio VientisEis, desde..." into English and Spanish rap vocals. very good.

1110, Radio Angulo, Holguín, Holguín. 0003 October 18, 2011. Dominating at times over WBT and others with "Rain Over Me" by Pitbull feat. Marc Anthony, superhyped male Spanish DJ mentioning Rihanna, ID, then into (of all things, talk about a train wreck) "Rock & Roll" by Led Zeppelin (a never-before-heard remix/edit), DJ mentioning Robert Plant, into another though non-remixed Led Zep song unabridged, and back to techno-dance songs. Parallel weaker 1100 from Mayar, Holguín

1140, Radio Musical Nacional, unknown western Cuba site. 1125 October 21, 2011. Classical piano solo, female ID 1130. Fair, parallel much better 590. This occasionally pops up here mid-day, so probably just patched audio from one of the existing western-ish 1140 stations.

1230, Radio Progreso, unidentified site. 2304 October 21, 2011.

Tropical vocals, female, "la onda alegría" slogan was the tip-off on paralleling to 640. One requested undisclosed source lists as Guaimaro while another has it as Santiago, ex-R. Mambí (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sangean PR-D5; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 9111, CUBA (reported), Number Station Oct. 14, 1020. Modulated CW (MCW-5 type), very strong, already in progress, closing at 1033 (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, ABDX via DXLD)

** CUBA. 13750 [sic], China Radio Int'l; 1532-1541+, 19-Oct; English news features including one on anti-gravity yoga (yoga in a hammock). S20 sig with xmtr squeak? Squeak goes to a tone during pauses (Harold Fodge, Midland, MI, MARE Tipsheet Oct 21 via DXLD) 13740 is usual frequency; your typo or theirs? RHC had used 13750 elsewhen for 'Aló, Presidente' Sunday mornings (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. 13880, Oct 23 at 1318, the RHC leapfrog is still here but JBA // 13780 and 13680 with music and talk.

Propagation proves the incompetence of the DentoCuban Jamming Command, leaving the nasties running all night and producing harmonix, spurs:

18090, Oct 25 at 0543, jamming, not just pulses, i.e. more than one, 3 x 6030 vs Martí

17865, Oct 25 at 0543, exactly same sound as 18090, 3 x 5955 vs. R. Rep'blica, which is probably no longer on at this hour

13820, Oct 25 at 0546, pulse jamming long after R. Martí is off

9805, Oct 25 at 0551, slow pulse jamming at rate of 2 per second, against another absent Martí

9965, Oct 25 at 0552, pulses of 2 per second like 9805, but mixed with another faster one. Another non-used R. Rep'blica frequency

9955, Oct 25 at 0552, similar to 9965, but R. Praga via WRMI holding its own (a bit earlier I looked for jammers on x 2 = 19910 but unheard; in fact think I've never caught them there even in daytime).

5040, Oct 26 at 0505, RHC Spanish is still on late past nominal 0500*, via a squealy transmitter, but not as bad as the one with English on 6150 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. BASEBALL IS THE REASON FOR ENCRYPTION OF RADIO/TV MARTÍ

Following news that an Israeli firm had won the contract to broadcast

Radio/TV Martí to Cuba via satellite, with the capability of encryption, Cuba renewed its allegations of a US cyber war against it. The contract was suspicious because of the requirement for encryption, which can have no other purpose than intelligence, noted a column published on 14 October in the government's CubaDebate website.

Actually, there is another purpose. Radio/TV Martí director Carlos García-Perez and Tish King, spokesperson for the Board of Broadcasting Governors, explained to El Nuevo Herald that Major League Baseball allows games to be broadcast on Radio/TV Martí to Cuba free of charge. But the satellite signal can be received in most of Latin America, the eastern and central United States, most of Europe and part of Africa, so it is encrypted during live baseball matches to prevent unauthorized audiences outside Cuba from watching or listening to the games.

Read the full story from The Sacramento Bee

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/10/20/3991698/baseball-behind-radiotv-martis.html>
(Oct 21, 2011 - 9:15 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. 23860, Oct 24 at 1456, my harmonic search pays off, with music // 11930, i.e. R. Martí, Greenville! Peaks S9+3 and no jamming audible, so DentroCubans should hunt for clear RM on this and other harmonix. Then looked for others, 27640 (2 x 13820) but not heard there amid freebanders tending to be on -5 frequencies; nor on 23690 (2 x 11845). From B-11, 15330 will be back in use at 14-20, and that should be a good target on 30660, which I vaguely recall hearing in years past.

But there's more: R. Martí is now on 9955, i.e. via WRMI! I kept listening to 23860 and heard it announced at 1500 to tune for RM on new 9955 at 6-7 pm and 11-12 pm. Is this a trial run? Those Eastern times knock out numerous DX program repeats, including WORLD OF RADIO at 0330 UT Thursdays. This week, with both Cuba and USA on DST, that means 22-23 and 03-04 UT; is it daily?

Next week, From Oct 30 Cuba goes off DST a week earlier than USA, so what then? Will WRMI change times to keep up with Cuba, or wait another week to shift everything one UT hour later, i.e. RM relay at 23-24 and 04-05?? Nothing yet about this on WRMI website.

At 22-23 UT it's a rebroadcast of 'Cuba al Día' originally airing on RM at 19-20 UT M-F, and will stay at 22-23 UT thru the first week of November; while the ``11 pm`` portion may not start until after DST is over.

I say: WRMI has now made the big time in exile programming, and Cuba

conveniently already has jammers set up for 9955 at many other times
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola amigos Oscar & Rubén. La respuesta del buen amigo Jeff White al respecto y enviada a Ruben es: "Sí, tenemos un acuerdo informal con Radio Martí para retransmitir algunos programas como prueba. No hay fechas definitivas para estas pruebas, pero ya comenzaron." 73 (Dino Bloise, Frecuencia Al Día, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. 28505-USB, Oct 24 at 1924, I'd recognize that Arnienglish anywhere, yes, you guessed it, mes amis, CO2KK in person, explaining how Cuba is a big Antille, plus 4000 little islands in an archipelago, to KB1PXX in Connecticut (also audible), who hopes one day to SCUBA in Cuba. Arnie says the best place is Maria la Gorda (Fat Mary) off Pinar del Río province, where there are coral reefs, commercial and spearfishing prohibited, visibility up to 30 meters. Also reveling in great 10m propagation now, band opens at sunrise from Eurafrica. KB1 keeps trying to wrap up contact, but Arnie adds to look out for club station T46A this weekend in the CQ WW SSB contest. 1927 Arnie calls CQ DX 10m, fonetix mostly as kilo-kilo, but sometimes as King-Kong, ha2 (So Arnie is the 8000-pound gorilla in the Raum?), next contact another Connecticutter, John, AB1NT (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. 14693-14718, Oct 26 at 1349, OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, conveniently occupying a space vacated by Firedrake which was on 14600 instead (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 4781.7, R Oriental, Tena, Napo, has been operating irregularly since the end of Sep, sometimes for only 15-20 minutes. With longer on Saturdays after 2230, relaying signal on FM 89.7 MHz (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá, Colombia, DSWCI DX Window Oct 19 via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

** ERITREA. ERITREIA, 4770, Voice of the Broad Masses, Selai Dairo, 1723-1733 (closed at 1800), 22/10, vernacular, HoA songs, talks; 35332, weak modulation. This was found parallel to 7175, also closing at 1800.

7175 ditto, 1635-1655, 22/10, vernacular, talks, local tunes; 35333, deteriorating. Found to be parallel to 4770 at 1723. Both closed at 1800 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. ESAT Radio heard with good signal, but with some noise, from 1705 tune-in, on 15370 kHz on 23 October. HoA music and recording of man giving a speech (with many laughs and cheering from the audience). Definite ID heard. Nothing listed in HFCC or EiBi, but Aoki thinks the transmission is from Moldova (Alan Roe, Teddington,

UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE [and non]. ITU Monitoring Report

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/docs/monitoring/files/pdffiles/331.pdf>

Latest ITU monitoring report is interesting to read for several reasons. Laser's location appears to be in Donegal, Ireland while the Russian monitoring station is logging 40m amateurs and Baldock is logging 12m amateur beacons. Case of padding the report to justify existence in these cut and burn times or just some lucky guys getting paid to DX!? 73 (Stuart satnipper, Oct 23, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** EUROPE. Laser Hot Hits has switched their 4 MHz frequency back to their old 4026 kHz (ex 4015). (via Facebook) (4026 much stronger this evening than their 6 MHz channel which is now 6970 kHz) (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire Oct 24, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

** FINLAND. 25000, 16/10 1525, MIKES Espoo (presumed), Finland, time pips, good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 baloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. Another strike is underway RFI until 0500 Friday, reflecting continued opposition to reorganization and the use of RFI staff and resources to benefit the France 24 television channel. The labor unions specifically mention that a journalist for RFI's English-language service has been fired -- the third person in three months to suffer such a fate (Mike Cooper, 1853 UT Thursday Oct 20, DXLD)

** FRANCE. BTW here is a tip for a next edition: Private station Radio Bretagne 5, will have test transmissions from St GouËno in Brittany. Frequency: 1593 kHz from October 21st 2011 to January 20th 2012. Contacts: Radio Bretagne & Cie, La ChaumiËre, 22120 Pommeret, FRANCE contactradio @ bretagne5.fr Regards from Nice, (Christian Ghibaudo, France, Oct 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bonsoir, Une annonce de tests en ondes moyennes AM. Du 21 octobre 2011 au 20 janvier 2012, Radio Bretagne 5 Émettra sur 1593 kHz depuis St GouËno en Bretagne. Adresse pour rapports: contactradio@bretagne5.fr Je connais pas la puissance, sera difficile de les entendre.

logoB5_lettres

<http://fr-fr.facebook.com/pages/Bretagne-5-officiel/164613716917966>

Voil‡ pour ce soir, A bientÙt, 73is (Christian Ghibaudo, via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

** GERMANY. World of Radio on 5980 --- Hello Glenn, Here in the south

of France, the reception on 5980 is very difficult. Poor signal, but without interference, and no fading. Last Tuesday, sometimes it was very difficult to understand. It was of course better on SW from IRRS, and also on MW 1368 kHz from IRRS/Challenger. I still listen to World of Radio via WRN English. Regards from Nice, (Christian Ghibaudo, France, Oct 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST) As of Nov 1 Tuesdays 1030 UT (gh)

** GERMANY. XVRB Radio in English on Oct. 23: Special presentation of the former Dutch shortwave pirate station "Iceman". 0900-1000 on 6045 WER 100 kW / non-dir. Good reception in Bulgaria (55444) 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Radio Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. RADIO ASHNA via Wertachtal, 15380 in Pashto at 1430 to 1500, October 24. IDs at 1430, then news. Reception only fair due to echo presumed to be multi-path reception. Multi-path reception from Germany isn't unusual in the mornings at my location, but strong signals via both paths, as was the case today, is very unusual (Wendel Craighead, Prairie Village, Kansas, USA, Oct 25, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. Dear Wolfy, do you know if this is really the final DW B11 schedule - e.g. is there no German at all on SW in B11 ?? 73s DW B11 30.10.11 - 24.03.12 (Dave Kenny Oct 21, via B,schel, DXLD)

Yes, is a pity to see these decisions of the DWL Bonn IT Yuppies [all old shortwave engineers are now in pension],

DWL ceased German language service worldwide TOTALLY, after 58 years in service since 1953 at former NDR Norden Osterloog TX site. Some few African services will be kept on air til about 2013 ? - I guess.

DWL Shortwave relay stations Sines Portugal and Trincomalee Sri Lanka will be dismantled after Oct 29, 2011 totally.

Both home countries Portugal and Sri Lanka have billions debt and not willing to pay for excellent engineering plants of SW transmitter installation. That's a pity, and follows great Radio Sweden and Swiss Radio International organizations in last decade, and Radio Netherlands Hilversum will follow that slope down in coming three years too. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B,schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Deutsche Welle Sines und Trincomalee relays, verbrannte Steuergelder und Wegfall von Arbeitspl%tzen in Bonn und im Ausland

Wow, that's a massive cut, I didn't realise it was going to be so drastic and so soon, amazing they are dropping all German from SW in one go after all these years! (Dave Kenny, ibid.)

re: swan song on DWL German language radio service. We lost the race !

Dave, we had struggled the fight against DWL closure - DWL German foreign radio - and Sines/Trincomalee relay sites in past 9 months heavily on all propaganda levels. Even on German parliament - Bundestag to all representative members of parliament, Merkel's ministries, popular newspapers and news magazine like SPIEGEL nationwide, political parties and other non-government movements.

We lost the struggle - in the bottom line ... vy73 wolfy (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc Oct 22, via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Previous mail sent by wb to German officials, media:

----- Original Message -----

To: Poststelle@bkm.bund.de
Subject: Deutsche Welle Sines und Trincomalee relays, verbrannte Steuergelder und Wegfall von Arbeitspl%tzen in Bonn und im Ausland

Sehr geehrter Herr Kulturstaatsminister Bernd Neumann, soeben habe ich Ihr Fernsehinterview im 3SAT "vis-‡-vis" gesehen.

Darin setzen sie sich mit Verve f,r eine Einwirkung deutscher Geistes- und Freiheitshaltung in das Riesenreich China ein, in Bezug vor allem auf die deutsche Kunst-Ausstellung in China.

Da befallen mich doch grofle Zweifel an Ihrer und der Bundesregierung Arbeit, sowie den Fehlplanungen der Direktoren der Deutschen Welle Bonn. Dies auch in Bezug auf die neuen Maflnahmen des Deutsche Welle Senders, ganze Sendestrecken in vielen internationalen Sprachen wie Russisch und Chinesisch ganz einzustellen, oder verst%rkt n u r aufs Internet zusetzen, dies alles geschildert und diskutiert auch in der Bundestagssitzung vom 7. und 8. April.

Es gibt in diesen Diktaturen k e i n e F r e i h e i t im Internet, sondern nur auf den RADIO-ftherwellen von auflen!

Mit freundlichen Gr,flen

Wolfgang B,schel, Stuttgart (via B,schel, DXLD) Many more quoted or linked previously. See also PORTUGAL; SRI LANKA (gh)

Monday, October 17, 2011

THE END OF DEUTSCHE WELLE RADIO: A BAD DECISION

<http://externalradio.blogspot.com/2011/10/end-of-deutsche-welle-radio-bad.html>

Close to complete 60 years, Deutsche Welle is, step by step, closing the operation in radio, which it began in 1953. One of the most important movement in this sad strategy will be given at the end of

this Month, with the closure of most of shortwave broadcasts, except targeting Africa, and the closing of the relay station in Sines (Portugal) and Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), as announced in May. I commented about it in this post and think that, although precipitated, it is a understandable step, if you consider the technical evolution and the pragmatism that characterizes the Germans and the recent decisions from DW's board.

What I can't understand is that DW is giving up not just the shortwaves, but the medium radio. The image at the top of this post is in the goodbye e-mail sent to listeners of the German Service, on September, 27. There, one of most traditional international radios explains that even the linear live streaming will disappear from its web site, keeping only podcasts and some programs in audio on demand. The same text is on the site (click to read ñ in German).

Who follows DW's programs in TV perceive that the German international broadcaster has a relevant investment to produce high quality programs from Berlin. Of course, investing in TV and internet is completely reasonable nowadays. But, considering the very low costs of the streaming in internet, and the big volume of content generated at DW's quartier in Bonn, closing the offer through this medium is really a strange decision. For pessimists, this movement could give reasons to ask if it is logic to keep DW's big structure in Bonn. The complete absence of emotion (to say the least) in the last decisions, gives fear from the answer for this question.

Above [below] are two recordings that I live rescued from old reel tapes, from the times in that DW had budget to send programs worldwide to radio stations in magnetic media. *iSchlagercocktail*, in German, featured the so called *iSchlager*, popular songs in Germany. The edition above is from 1993. *iM'sica de interl'dio*, was the Brazilian version of the German "Promenadenkonzert". The recording is from 1996 and hosted by Arno Rochol, who worked long time in the Brazilian Service and then went to DW Akademie. *Schlagercocktail*

M'sica de Interl'dio
Posted by Elmar Meurer at 9:38 PM

1 comments: DarioGi said... This probably means that Germany has nothing interesting to tell to the world. The same happened to Switzerland, Italy, Belgium (probably the most irrelevant country of EU), and many others, and it is going to happen to UK as well.

It is probably the beginning of an era that will bring us another period of very bad relationships between nations, with all the related consequences. I guess that if this happens, internet as well will be heavily reshaped. October 23, 2011 8:45 AM (via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg

via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. Informa-se que a DW da Alemanha, irá encerrar as suas emissões em onda curta e DRM a partir dos seus emissores localizados em Sines em Portugal. A cidade de Sines está localizada numa situação geográfica excepcional, junto à costa do oceano Atlântico.

No entanto a DW "Deutsche Welle" está a radiodifusão da Alemanha, detentora dos emissores da onda curta situados em Portugal, decidiu baixar custos e redefinir a sua estratégia em termos de emissões mundiais.

Estes emissores devido à sua situação em local privilegiado junto ao Atlântico, com uma área de cobertura em termos mundiais excepcional, apesar de encerrar os seus centros emissores, quer o emissor de Sines e também o emissor de Tricomalee, devido à actual situação de redução de custos e de novas técnicas actualmente disponíveis, vai no entanto, continuar as suas normais emissões na onda curta e em diferentes línguas, como é habitual, nesta emissora, as suas transmissões serão agora reprogramadas, a partir de um outro dos seus actuais emissores, em especial o de Kigali, este emissor encontra-se situado em plena África, mais exactamente no RUANDA.

O emissor de "Kigali", vai pois, começar a efectuar cerca de 53 emissões. No entanto as restantes emissões cerca de mais quinze, as quais, não é possível em termos de capacidade local e de tempo de antena, para tanta emissão no emissor de "Kigali".

A DW decidiu que estas serão pagas a terceiros Países e emissoras, com capacidade de emissão e com os quais a DW fez parcerias:

Assim nos "Emiratos Árabes Unidos" a "DHA" Dhabayya, irá emitir 5 emissões da DW.

Via emissores da "RMP" Rampisham em Inglaterra, estão previstas cerca de 2 emissões. Além como 1 emissão pela "WOF" Woofferton também via "Reino Unido"

Pelos emissores de Singapura na "SNG" em Kranji cerca de 4 emissões estão também previstas.

Ilhas de Ascensão pela "ASC" 1 emissão.
via ilha de Madagascar pela "MDC" 1 ou 2 emissões.

No total de todas estas emissões da DW e nos diferentes emissores, serão cerca de umas 400 horas semanais. Será mais uma oportunidade para o envio pelos radioescutas de informes de recepção para esta

emissora, as condições de escutas irão ser alteradas significativamente, para alguns radioescutas para melhor, para outros as condições não serão assim tão boas, no entanto a DW, não vai acabar com as ondas curtas, as quais continua a considerar importantes, ao contrário de outras estações emissoras e ainda bem.

Todas as emissões a partir dos centros emissores referidos, terão inicio j. a partir do último dia do mês de Outubro, dia da mudança da hora legal.

No entanto, é de esperar que no futuro próximo muitas destas emissões passem a ser feitas no sistema DRM em formato digital. Aliás, como é do conhecimento dos radioescutas, a Alemanha recentemente abandonou o sistema analógico das emissões locais, e estas passaram ao formato digital. Esta situação para o digital, irá acontecer também a nível mundial, mas ao longo do tempo, ou seja o sistema analógico, ainda vai ter muitos anos de vida.

Na Alemanha, já existem disponíveis diversas marcas de rádios nos novos formatos em digital. Esperamos que rapidamente os preços destes receptores fiquem bastante mais acessíveis em termos de preços, esta mudança é aguardada j. para o inicio de 2012.

Espera-se longa vida à DW, nesta nova faceta da reconversão, espera-se para breve, definições do que irá acontecer agora aos emissores desactivados.

Os emissores de Sines em Portugal, dispunham actualmente de tudo o que de melhor existe a nível de emissão e preparados para o actual milénio do digital. 73. Best regards (Manuel Jesus, Sintra, Portugal, Oct 25, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. 15330, Oct 24 at 1448, novelty song in German. It's less than a week before Deutsche Welle self-destructs, eliminating all German SW broadcasts, as that language will greatly decline in world presence, leaving only some English and certain strategic Afro-Asian tongues from DW. Later at 1454 found // 17840 in more music.
15330 is 300 kW, 107 degrees from Woofferton UK at 14-15 only.
17840 is 250 kW, 80 degrees from Sines, PORTUGAL at 14-15 only
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Germany to use 7150 in B-11 --- 1900-1956 UT, 7150 Kigali 250 kW at 210 degrees to 48S, 52E, 53W, and 57N --- I thought 7100 to 7200 was now for ham radio. This is from DW website + also in HFCC (Peter W Hansen, Oct 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There are a lot of DWL files for B-11 season on the DX scene. But a lot of them have wrong entries, maybe spread out by opposite circles

in DWL declining shortwave section.

7150 kHz wrong entry seems replaced by 12045 {at 30 degr} or 9735 {at 210 degrees} kHz ? 73 wb df5sx see latest schedule:

9735 1900-1930 48S,52E,53W,57N	KIG 250 210 146 Eng RRW <<<
9735 1930-2000 52S,53W,57NE	KIG 250 210 146 Por RRW
12045 1900-1956 47E,48,52NE,53NW	KIG 250 030 217 Eng RRW

(Wolfgang Bischel, ibid.)

** GHANA [and non]. Africa-Brasil - Transatlantic FM DX - Caros colegas, Primeiras recepÁies entre África e Brasil captadas desde Iguatu-Cear.

13/10/2011 95.1 (Ghana, Serra-Leoa, Nigeria (?)) ainda em an.lise) e
18/10/2011 90.5 (Ghana, Gold FM 90.5) 4300 km

QTR: Entre 18:45 e 19:30 local (Iguatu) GL HI03ip.

R·dio: Panasonic CQRX400L

Antena: yagi 3 elem wideband adaptaÁ,o de K6STI em
<http://www.ham-radio.com/k6sti/small.htm>

Videos (95.1) em <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nun8d8o0gqc>
(90.5) em <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0ZPxtuov2o>

GEORGE PU7MAN (via PY2OC, Luiz Tresso, Oct 20, radioescutas yg via DXLD) No video, just sound; 90.5 is in English/African (gh)

Dia 19/10/2011

18:30 19:30 local

88.1, West Africa

89.5, Prov·vel RFI Afrique Ghana

90.1, A definir País

link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_HgpVhkGuM

90.5, Ghana

link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWdRV6ibKZM>

92.7, A definir País

link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEMSoLkSXP8>

(George PU7MAN Iguatu-Ce GL:HI03ip Oct 21, ibid.)

** GREECE. VOICE OF GREECE OFF ON SUNDAY 2000-0300 UT?

Voice of Greece seems to have laid off the Sunday night shift due to austerity. On Sunday, October 23, 7450, 7475, 9420, 15630, and 15650 were silent when I monitored from 2000 to 0200 UT. The same thing happened on Sunday, October 2 and 9; and only 9420 was working on Sunday, October 16 from 2000 to 0200 UT. Regards, (John Babbis, MD, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOICE OF GREECE (ERA-5) B11

SW schedule effective from 30/10/11 to 25/03/12 00:00 UTC

Time UTC Freq/Azi Freq/Azi Freq/Azi Lang

0000-0100 7475/285 15630/285 9420/323 Greek
0100-0200 7475/285 15630/285 9420/323 Greek
0200-0300 7475/285 7450/260 9420/323 Greek
0300-0400 7475/285 7450/260 9420/323 Greek
1600-1700 9935/285 ERT3 15630/285 9420/323 Greek
1700-1800 9935/285 ERT3 15630/285 9420/323 Greek
1800-1850 7450/323 ERT3 15650/105 9420/323 Greek
1900-2000 7450/323 ERT3 15650/105 9420/323 Greek
2000-2100 7450/323 ERT3 15650/105 9420/323 Greek
2100-2200 7450/323 ERT3 15650/105 9420/323 Greek
2200-2300 7450/323 ERT3 15650/105 9420/323 Greek
2300-2400 7475/285 15630/285 9420/323 Greek

SW-MACEDONIA RADIO STATION

Time UTC Freq/Azi Lang Coverage Area

1600-1650 9935/285 GREEK EUROPE
1600-2250 7450/323 GREEK EUROPE

Live Audio on Internet: <http://www.ert.gr>

Note: Due to impending crisis, ERT decided to restrict HF broadcast hours. The broadcast hours temporarily will be 1600 to 0400 GMT (via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Oct 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

"Impending Crisis"?? Understatement, given recent events! At least ERT is staying ahead of the game. I would put VOG under the "listen while you can" category. I suspect it will have the same fate as RDPI, and for the exact same reasons (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

Re: Greece - Radio Makedonias gone? Tonight ERT 3 is again carried on 7450, noted after 1900 with news, followed by a volley of jingles. I think the same program audio can be also made out in the jumble on 1044, as it should be. And at the same time separate Voice of Greece programming on 9420 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've noticed lately that they have not been on during my fairly regular check of the shortwave bands 0630 onwards. Just heard them signing on at 1500 on 9420 (Mike Barraclough, Oct 25, ibid.)

15630, Monday Oct 24 at 1449, Greek music, fair signal but somewhat undermodulated, so VOG is back on, starting at 1400 now? Exact curtailed schedule still not determined. Also, John Babbis notes:

``VOICE OF GREECE OFF ON SUNDAY 2000-0300 UT? Voice of Greece seems to

have laid off the Sunday night shift due to austerity. On Sunday, October 23, 7450, 7475, 9420, 15630, and 15650 were silent when I monitored from 2000 to 0200 UT. The same thing happened on Sunday, October 2 and 9; and only 9420 was working on Sunday, October 16 from 2000 to 0200 UT. Those are the only hours he normally monitors, so VOG may well be off the rest of Sundays earlier.

However, Alokesha Gupta has just obtained the VOG B-11 schedule:
``Note: Due to impending crisis, ERT decided to restrict HF broadcast hours. The broadcast hours temporarily will be 1600 to 0400 GMT.'' with no mention of any difference on Sundays. Rounded times ignoring 10-minute-early closings for refrequencing:

ERA-5: 16-04 9420;
16-18 15630, 18-23 15650, 23-02 15630, 23-04 7475, 02-04 7450.

ERT-3, Macedonian Station: 16-18 9935, 18-23 7450. With a self-contradictory separate schedule as 1600-1650 9935, 1600-2250 7450, while in the combined schedule it looks like there would be no overlap but a 10-minute QSY at 1750. Note: the Mac frequencies have recently been reported // Athens with no separate programming (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERA-5 Voice of Greece in Greek:
1500-2300 9420 AVL 170 kW 323 deg to WeEU
1500-2250 15630 AVL 100 kW 285 deg to WeEU
2300-0300 7475 AVL 100 kW 285 deg to NoAM
2300-0300 9420 AVL 170 kW 323 deg to NoAM
2300-0300 15650 AVL 100 kW 105 deg to AUS/NZL
All other transmissions short waves were stopped

ERT-3 Radiophonikos Stathmos Makedonias in Greek:
1100-1500 9935 AVL 100 kW 285 deg to WeEU, cancelled
1500-1650 9935 AVL 100 kW 285 deg to WeEU
1700-2250 7450 AVL 100 kW 323 deg to WeEU
(Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 24, via DXLD)

** GUAM. 5765-USB, Oct 23 at 1255, AFN is audible with talk, after several days not being heard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. Trans World Radio - Guam B11 Effective Date: October 30, 2011

To China

Cantonese	1400-1430	Mon-Fri	9955 / 31
Various	1400-1430	Sun	9955 / 31
Various	1330-1400	Sat	9910 / 31
Mandarin	1100-1230	Daily	9910 / 31
Mandarin	1200-1300	Daily	9975 / 31

Mandarin 1300-1400 Sun-Fri 9975 / 31
Mandarin 1415-1500 Mon-Fri 9975 / 31
Mandarin 1100-1200 Daily 13765 / 22
Mandarin 0930-1100 Daily 12105 / 25
Mandarin 1500-1600 Daily 12105 / 25
Mandarin 1015-1100 Mon-Fri 13750 / 22
Various 1200-1215 Daily 11580 / 25

To Korea

Korean 1345-1500 Mon-Fri 11580 / 25
Korean 1345-1430 Sun 11580 / 25
Korean 1345-1445 Sat 11580 / 25

To South Asia

English 1500-1535 Tu,We,Sa-Su 15200 / 25
English 1500-1525 Mo,Th,Fr 15200 / 25

To South Pacific

English 0830-0910 Mon-Sat 11840 / 25

To SE Asia

English 0820-0900 Sun-Fri 15170 / 19

To Indonesia

Balinese 0900-0915 Daily 15200 / 19
Indonesian 0945-1030 Daily 15200 / 19
Madurese 0915-0945 Daily 15200 / 19
Sundanese 1030-1100 Daily 15200 / 19
Various 1230-1300 Daily 15170 / 19
Various 1430-1500 Daily 15170 / 19

Burmese 1200-1245 Mon-Fri 13765 / 22
Burmese 1200-1300 Sat-Sun 13765 / 22
Sgaw Karen 1300-1330 Daily 9585 / 31

To Vietnam

Vietnamese 1100-1130 Daily 11580 / 25
Vietnamese 1300-1330 Mon-Fri 11580 / 25

To South Asia

Kokborok 1230-1300 Mon-Fri 15240 / 19
Kokborok 1245-1300 Sun 15240 / 19
Santhali 1300-1315 Daily 15240 / 19
Mus/Beng 1315-1330 Daily 15240 / 19
Assamese 1330-1400 Mon-Fri 15150 / 19
Santhali 1330-1345 Sun 15150 / 19
Manipuri 1345-1400 Sun 15150 / 19

Trans World Radio - Guam
P.O Box 8780, Agat, Guam 96928 USA
(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, R. Verdad, 1149-1216 Oct 18. Segued hymns past ToH all the way to 1215, then M announcer with ID, I think, but signal was starting to fade out by then, having been fair earlier (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

4055, Oct 21 at 0609, surprised to find R. Truth still on, as transmitter is normally turned off about now after multi-verse national anthem. Playing hymn in English ``Were You There?``, sounds like Johnny Cash. 0611.5 to 0614.5 two sesquiminutes of dead air as I awaited anything, then started ``The Lord's Prayer`` in English. I guess they were just running late, and the multi-lingual sign-off, NA would eventually follow, up for which I did not stay (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, Radio Verdad, 0515-0607*, English religious talk. Gospel music. Closing multi-lingual ID announcements at 0555. National Anthem at 0602. Poor in noisy conditions. Oct 22 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** INDIA. 4820v: see UNIDENTIFIED

** INDIA. 4880, AIR Lucknow, 1318-1345+ Oct 18. Very tentative with what sounded like a newscast cadence by YL, followed by sub-continental music to BoH; more talk followed but not sure of language. Weak but getting any audio on 60 mb AIR stations is unusual here. (Wilkins-CO)

5015, AIR Delhi, 1307-1335 Oct 16. Presumed with sub-continental music hosted by YL to BoH; then talk, news probably, but, again, not sure of language. Poor in noise (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** INDIA. 5050, AIR Aizawl, 1203-1310, Oct 24. Victor Goonetilleke (Sri Lanka) noted in DXLD 11-31, on July 28: iAIR Aizawl. From Mizoram, another which appears to be off, hope not for good.î

Have been monitoring here looking for the return of Ozy Radio (Australia), but was surprised today to find instead the reactivation of AIR. A new transmitter? Much stronger than I recall hearing them in the past. Best reception only possible when the much stronger Beibu Bay Radio (BBR) had a segment of just talking, as when they played music was almost impossible to make out AIR. Played mostly slow tempo songs (sounded very much like religious songs?); 1220 news in English (Maoist combatants still in camps and unrest in Nepal, etc.); back to

same type of songs; 1300 iAll India Radio, Aizawlî; news in assume Hindi with another ID at 1307. This of course is extremely bad news for Ozy Radio! A brief MP3 audio at
<http://www.box.net/shared/78rmuoyhr0derubhesyt>

5050, AIR Aizawl. Thanks to the kind assistance of Jose Jacob (Hyderabad, India), I received the following from Mr. B. Adinarayana, the Asst. Engineer at AIR Aizawl: iThanks a lot for valuable feedback. Keep listening and sending reports. It is very encouraging.î

Jose learned that 5050 went back on the air last Saturday (Oct 22), after being off the air on SW for some months due to ilogistic problemsi. They will be returning to their daytime frequency of 7295 within about three days time. Schedule:

5050 kHz. 0025-0400 and 1130-1630

7295 kHz. 0700-1000

Thanks so very much to Jose for his continual help! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Oct 25, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9425, Oct 21 at 1353, AIR National Channel with traditional music, fair and much better than // 9470 with heavy QRM from WTWW 9479.

9620, Oct 20 at 1302, open carrier with hum, flutter, still at 1327; by 1344 there was some just-barely-modulated talk. Sounds like something AIR would do. Yes: per HFCC, AIR Sindhi/Baluchi service is on 9620 at 1215-1600, 250 kW, 245 degrees from Aligarh. Certainly not the other thing, RNW via Nauen. Aoki shows Sindhi at 1230-1500, then an hour of Baluchi; looks like same transmitter at 1615 Persian, 1730 Arabic, 1945-2030 French; they too unmodulated? Wake up in Aligarh! OTOH, the Sinhala service on 15050 managed to be modulated today around 1320 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9950, 17/10 1934, AIR, India, DRM, good audio but with some stops, English, news and music. NO LABEL! (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Re HFCC B-11:

<http://www.hfcc.org/data/b11/b11allx2.zip> (208 kB)

B11 Transmission and Programme schedules by Broadcasters and Frequency Management Organisations (FMOS)

<http://www.hfcc.org/data/b11/index.phtml>

Went through it All India Radio not there; was in A11 file.

(Petertherock, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They usually release their sched at last moment, during A11 a day before sched was effective (Alokesh Gupta, India, ibid.)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, 1250-1325 Oct 22. Indigenous music program hosted by YL; at 1308, a 5-minute announcement mentioning "musik tradisional" with several dates and times given; could have been upcoming events or perhaps program notes; a couple of ID's noted; back to music at 1313; tuned out at 1325. Good signal (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Reactivated RRI-Fak Fak on 4789.98 kHz --- I can receive RRI Fak Fak on 4789.98 kHz from *1050 UT on Oct. 21, strong and the reception is good. Oct. 19 was able to receive it at 0905 tune in-0939* UT, too. Fak Fak s/off at 1453 Oct 21 (S. Hasegawa, Japan, Oct 21, dxldyg via DX WORLD OF RADIO 1588, LISTENING DIGEST)

On 4790 Oct 21, 2011 1231 I heard 'Satu Nusa Satu Bangsa', followed by YL talk, so much noise I couldn't hear the details, inspite of unusual strong signal from here. Next program was music by request by phone call passing 1300. Tuning in 4790 again starting from 1417, I heard Indonesian pop songs and on 1421 YL IDing RRI Fak-Fak. Songs continued up-to 1452 on closing by YL, followed by 'Rayuan Pulau Kelapa', then off (Tony Ashar, West Java, Indonesia, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, ibid.)

Dear Tony, The end music is "Pulau Ambon-Love Ambon".
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEFFWAllnbc>

"Rayuan Pulau Kelapa"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doKGDdW0r1Q>
(S. Hasegawa, Japan, ibid.)

Terima kasih, you know better (Tony Ashar, ibid.)

Had Fak Fak on low side of 4790 with very good signal on 21 OCT after 1100 with press conference on govt raid on Papua rebels (David Sharp NSW, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, ibid.)

** INDONESIA. 9525-, Thursday Oct 20 at 1303 and later in the hour, VOI is off-again, during the English hour, no signal like Tuesday tho it was audible Wednesday.

9525-, Oct 21 at 1353, no signal again from VOI. It's getting very irregular. Atsunori Ishida's comprehensive monitoring at <http://rri.jpn.org/> of this and all other Indonesian SW stations, not yet updated past Oct 20, shows the only date since Oct 15 when the 13-

14 English broadcast appeared was Oct 19.

9525-, VOI still missing before and after 1300 UT Oct 22, no English to be heard.

9525-, Oct 23 at 1311 and later, again no show from VOI English hour

9525-, VOI still missing at various tunebies before and after 1300 UT Oct 24

9525-, Oct 25 at 1251, 1355, VOI still absent, so another Tuesday no-show for 'Exotic Indonesia' with RRI Banjarmasin. Ishida
<http://rri.jpn.org/> as of Oct 25 at 1515 shows no reception of 9525 since Oct 20 at 1035 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. 1970S UK SATELLITE TO BE REVIVED
AMSAT-UK, By M5AKA, October 19, 2011

Attempts are being made to reactivate Prospero, the United Kingdom's first satellite launched on a UK-built rocket, Black Arrow, on October 28, 1971 and it is hoped Amateur Radio operators will be able to hear the signals. Roger M0RJA provides details of tests to be carried out over the next two weeks:

Some of you may have heard that a team in the UK are trying to re-contact an old British launched satellite for the anniversary of its launch (28th October 1971).

We've been given a licence to transmit and will be testing our re-engineered ground-segment in the next fortnight. The passes we are going to concentrate on will be as far out west as possible, as to minimise QRM from Europe. Earth is a lot more EM noisy than it was in 1971.

If anyone wants to try and tune in to the downlink, you can help ID any response we get from the old bird. To avoid interference the downlink is only planned to be active when the satellite is in range of the United Kingdom. The passes are summarised here:

<https://public.sheet.zoho.com/public/rjaduthie/prospero-passes-in-the-next-fortnight>

There are other passes, though these are the ones which are out west. We'll see how we do

Roger J A Duthie M0RJA
Email: rjad at mssl.ucl.ac.uk

Prospero real-time orbital tracking page
<http://www.vk3ukf.com/Space/GadgetSatProspero.htm>

Audio recordings of the 0.3 watt phase modulated signal with 2048 bit/s PCM from Prospero on 137.560 MHz can be heard on the Sounds from Space site of Matthias Bopp DD1US
<http://www.dd1us.de/spacesounds%204.html>

Experiments on the Prospero satellite
<http://www.uk.amsat.org/2011/09/08/experiments-on-the-prospero-satellite/>

Plan to revive 1970s UK satellite on 137.560 MHz
<http://www.uk.amsat.org/2011/09/05/1970s-uk-satellite-to-be-revived/>

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<http://www.uk.amsat.org/2011/10/19/prospero-to-be-reactivated-on-137-560-mhz/>
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

How come it's still up, not decayed orbit after 40 years?? (gh, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. WRN Broadcast introduces RadioVision, a new service that has recently started broadcasting on Telstar 18 to East Asia. Telstar 18 currently contains several bouquets of content for Chinese speaking communities within East Asia, including Taiwan, China and Hong Kong SAR.

RadioVision can enhance the interaction between a radio broadcaster and its audience. Audio content can be supported by sophisticated video, pictures, music artwork, scrolling text and crawlers, whilst enabling stations to broadcast a dedicated DTH radio channel with pictures. . .
<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/512975/6153711cff/1669576645/a662fdcea9/>
(WRN publicity via DXLD)

** IRAN. 21750 17/10 1139 IRIB, Radio Iran, reports in African language, very good, higher broadcasting station today (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 baloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. NHK World Radio Japan B-11
http://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/english/radio/shortwave/all_201110.pdf

(587 kB) 73! (Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, Oct 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

JAPAN, NHK World - R. Japan - B-11 winter season file
[ARMENIA/BONAIRE/CANADA/CHILE/FRANCE/GERMANY/LITHUANIA/
MADAGASCAR/RUSSIA/SINGAPORE/TAJIKISTAN/U.K./UZBEKISTAN]

Arabic
0600-0630 ME 11975iss
2115-2145 ME MW1350yer 89.3+107.2 MHz in Palestine

Bengali
1300-1345 swAS 12035sng

Burmese
1030-1100 seAS 11740sng
1430-1500 seAS 11740sng
2340-2400 seAS 13650

Chinese
0900-0930 AS 6090
1200-1230 AS 6090
1300-1330 AS/seAS 6190 9895
1430-1500 AS 6190
1530-1600 AS 6190
1600-1630 seAS 9540
2230-2250 AS 9560
2240-2300 seAS 13650
2340-2400 AS 15195
2340-2400 seAS 17810

English
0500-0530 AF/EU 5975wof 9770iss
0500-0530 NoWeAM 6110sac
1000-1030 OC/Hawaii 9625 9840
1000-1030 seAS 9605
1100-1130 EUR 9760wof, Fris only in DRM mode
1200-1230 NoEaAM 6120sac
1200-1230 seAS 9695
1300-1330 AS 11730uzb
1400-1430 seAS 5955
1400-1430 AS 11695uzb
1400-1430 EU/AF 21560iss

French
0530-0600 AF 11730iss 13840mdg
2000-2030 AF 17650mdg

Hindi

0130-0200 swAS 9785uzb
1430-1515 swAS 15720mdg

Indonesian

0945-1030 seAS 6140sng
1315-1400 seAS 5955
2310-2340 seAS 17810

Japanese

0200-0300 seAS 11780sng, but acc HFCC rather on 11650sng kHz
0200-0400 SoAM 11935bon
0200-0500 seAS 17810
0200-0500 AS 15195
0200-0500 ME/AS 17560
0200-0500 CeAM 5960sac
0200-0500 AS 15325
0700-0800 AS 6145 6165
0700-1700 AS 9750
0800-0900 SoAM 9825
0800-1000 seAS/AF 11740sng 15290iss
0900-1000 SoAM 9795sac
1000-1700 seAS 11815
1300-1500 CeAM 11655sac
1500-1700 AF/swAS/SoAS 12045sng
1500-1700 EU/AF 17735iss
1700-1900 AF/ME 15445wer
1700-1900 EU/AF 11945iss
1700-1900 AS 6035 7355
1700-1900 SoAM 9835
1900-2200 NE/ME/NoAF 9670
2000-2200 CeAS/ME 6085
2000-2100 OC 9625
2000-2400 CeAS/ME 11910
2100-2200 AS 6075
2100-2200 OC 13640
2200-2300 ME 9620wer
2200-2400 AS 11665
2200-2400 SAM 17605bon

Korean

0915-0945 AS 6160
1130-1200 AS 6090
1230-1300 AS 6190
1400-1430 AS 6190
1500-1530 AS 6190
2210-2230 AS 9560

Persian

0400-0430 ME 11730uzb
1430-1500 ME 13725iss 88.0MHz Kabul, Herat
1630-1700 ME MW927tjk

Portuguese
0930-1000 SAM 6145chl
2130-2200 SAM 11880chl

Russian
0330-0400 EU MW738msk MW1386sit
0430-0500 EU 6160sit
0530-0600 AS 11715 11760
0800-0830 AS 6145 6165
1130-1200 AS 6185
1130-1200 EU 9760wof, Fris only DRM mode
1600-1630 EU MW738msk MW927tjk

Spanish
0400-0430 SAM 6195bon
0500-0530 CAM 6195bon
1000-1030 Ce-SoAM 6120sac 6195bon

Swahili
0315-0400 AF 7395mdg
1730-1800 AF 13730mdg

Thai
1130-1200 seAS 11740sng
1230-1300 seAs 9695
2300-2320 seAS 13650

Urdu
1515-1600 swAS 9515uzb MW927tjk

Vietnamese
1100-1130 seAS 9695
1230-1300 seAS 11740sng
2320-2340 seAS 13650

Babcock list shows DRM outlet
9760 1100-1130f. NHK Woofferton UK 250 105 English WeEUR
9760 1130-1200f. NHK Woofferton UK 250 105 Russian WeEUR

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bon Bonaire, Neth Antilles
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mdg Madagascar

msk Moscow, Russia
wof Woofferton UK
sac Sackville, Canada
sit Sitkunai, Lithuania
sng Kranji, Singapore
tjk Dushanbe, Tajikistan
uzb Tashkent, Uzbekistan
wer Wertachtal, Germany
yer Gavar Yerevan, Armenia

URL:

http://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/english/radio/shortwave/all_201110.pdf

(NHK Radio Japan, via Aleksandr Diadischev-UKR, updated and transformed by wb, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Oct 26, DXLD)

** KALININGRAD. RUSSIA. 6065, 14/10 [time missing; scheduled 19-23 via KALININGRAD] Voice of Russia, DRM, two programs: you can choose English or French, audio with many holes (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA. 6730, Oct 23 at 1303, surprised to encounter big S9+22 AM signal here where normally there is nothing; heard snippet of music, then YL in severe Korean declaiming presumed number groups, three of them, pause, then two more. Some of the numbers are one syllable, others two syllables each. Next check at 1314, it's gone.

6730 is not in Aoki. Not sure if it's from North or South, likely former. No jamming heard. Usual jamming was on 6600 and 6518 against V. of the People, which could also be heard; and on 6348 against Echo of Hope. Yes, this was on 6730, not typo for 6230 where there is more jamming.

Here is one source for Korean numbers one to ten: I was hearing Korean, rather than 'Sino-Korean'

<http://uk.answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20080621083804AAkbh5>

1 = ha-na / (HAH-nah)
2 = dul / (dhooh)
3 = set / (seht)
4 = net / (neht)
5 = da-sut / (DA-suht)
6 = yuh-seot / (YUH-soht)
7 = il-gop / (EEL-gohp)
8 = yuh-deol / (YUH-dohl)

9 = ah-hop / (AH-hop)
10 = yeol / (yul)

For spy number purposes we need zero rather than ten (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 11710, VOK, 10-24-2011 at 1500 s/on, English Service, woman announced and played iSong of General Kim II Sungi two times in a row. I hear both English and French services daily. For several weeks the same error is made where at the English and French Services sign ons the same woman or same man will announce and play the same song twice. Sometimes the YL will do it, sometimes the OM, sometimes they take turns starting with the YL or OM alternating, but always the same error. This error is never made at the Korean Service s/on at 1700 daily. In fact at 1700 Korean Service s/on, they occasionally but rarely play that song. Please submit your ideas on this strange problem at VOK (Frank Mezek, Sun City AZ, Icom IC-R71A and random wires, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 15645, TAJIKISTAN (CLANDESTINE), Radio Free North Korea, Yangiyul. 1239-1320 October 23, 2011. Per Glenn Hauser log while he was monitoring an unidentified spy number station on the channel. Clear, fair with mostly talk, all in Korean, and a little filler music. Seemingly one "www" web address mentioned. The signal rapidly dropped down shortly after 1300 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. 9650 via CANADA, Oct 22 at 1253, KBSWR mailbag show mentioned due to contraxual difficulties, they will no longer be relayed at 23-24 on 1440 [LUXEMBOURG] after Oct 31; instead the money saved will be applied to Arabic service. Is the 0600-0630 English via Luxy also offgoing? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9650, CANADA (relay), KBS-World, Oct. 23, 1200. Opening of English programming, VG carrier and modulation. No sign of DPRK at all. Are they off the air? Well, no, after 1230, signal began to improve from co-channel Voice of Korea, choral music, soprano singers, muffled Korean. By TOH, never did produce enough QRM to cause harm to Angie Park's Korean K-Pop countdown show. Yesterday, DPRK rose up and overtook South Korea by 1245 after a great start by KBS (Rick Barton, El Mirage, AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, CumbreDX via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. Se termina Antena de la Amistad de KBS World Radio

Amigos, Otra noticia amarga se suma al listado necrológico de programas y emisoras que van dejando la onda corta. Hace unos minutos recibí la triste noticia de Sonia Cho, a cargo de la Sección EspaÑola

de KBS World Radio, que el programa que ella conduce junto a Atahualpa Amerise "ANTENA DE LA AMISTAD" termina a partir del nuevo cambio de programaciÛn de la emisora surcoreana a partir del 7 de noviembre prÛximo.

'Ya hace mucho tiempo que el programa ha perdido su significado original y no hay mucho de quE tratar^a, me dice Sonia en su mensaje. El prÛximo 29 de octubre ser· mi ·ltima entrega y en suerte le toca a CW25 Radio Durazno AM 1430 de Uruguay convertirse en el final de un ciclo de 15 aÙos. En tanto el s·bado 7 de noviembre tendrÈ mis palabras de despedida junto a las de mis colegas Pedro Sedano de EspaÙa y Yimber Gaviria de Colombia.

Se cae el telÛn de otro episodio que marcÛ una trayectoria importante en las transmisiones por onda corta y el futuro ya deja de ser incierto, la muerte de un programa sobre medios de comunicaciÛn a travÈs de una emisora internacional indica que los aportes de Maxwell, Faraday, Hertz, Marconi y tantos otros ya no son imprescindibles para transmisiones a larga distancia.

Solo resta esperar que desmonten las antenas y apaguen el ·ltimo equipo (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, Oct 20, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

Yo creo que si se quisiese hay mucho para tratar a·n sobre la radioescucha, el diexismo y las novedades del mundo de la radio. Y m·xime en menos de 15 minutos. Si a cualquiera de nosotros nos otorgasen el manejo y la disponibilidad de 15 minutos de aire en KBS o en cualquier otra emisora de onda corta tendrÌamos mucho para dar en materia de contenidos. Desde mi punto de vista no hay el m·s mÌnimo interÈs en la onda corta y el desmantelamiento o la desapariciÛn pasan a ser graduales pero las decisiones ya est·n tomadas. Una pena.

Y lo que me jode de todas estas grandes emisoras es que utilicen eufemismos para intentar justificar el desinteres en seguir adelante con algun programa. O ustedes piensan que hay programas mas escuchados en el servicio exterior de KBS en espanol que el espacio dx? Tal vez el buzon del radioescuchha pueda tener una cantidad de oyentes equiparable (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

** KURDISTAN. Denge Kurdishani Irana: 4870 kHz/4880 kHz/4880 kHz [sic]

Hallo - an analysis of the complete morning transmission of this "Voice of Iranian Kurdistan" is available as annotated screenshot at:
<http://bit.ly/p8HRNL>

From this you can see e.g.:
* s/on of the "Voice"

- * s/on of the Jammer
- * frequency change of the "Voice"
- * frequency change of the Jammer (rather delayed)
- * second frequency changes of both transmitters
- * s/off of the "Voice"
- * f/out of the Jammer
- * that the upper sideband of the "Voice" is much stronger modulated than the lower one

Reception was with SDR-IP, with the great help of IQ Analysis from SDR-COM software. An MP3 clip on the impressive opening ceremony with signature tune, ID, and Wagner's "Valkyrie" has been added (September 2009, 4775 kHz, un-interfered), as it almost hasn't changed until these days.

This kind of "IQ File Analysis" is a great tool to dig out DX and to broaden our knowledge on the behavior of signals. It maybe also to valuable help for broadcasters and should accompany reception reports. 73, (Nils DK80K Schiffhauer, Oct 24, Excalibur, SDR-IP/GPS, Perseus, W-Code, 2 x 20 m active quad loop (90°), 42 m windom, DX-One prof, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 15540, Oct 24 at 1904, R. Kuwait is fair in Arabic, not English. At first I hoped it was just a clip about to be translated, but no. 18-21 on 15540 has always been registered as Arabic, and RK's delegate with the amazing eyebrows at HFCC Dallas believed that info when I mentioned that the announcers were always giving the wrong frequency for English, 11990.

Now they may have 'corrected' this by changing 15540 to Arabic, but we may still hope today's language was another mistake. By 1940 had faded to very poor and could not be sure of language, but still seemed Arabic. I also had their intentional Arabic service poorly on 13650 before 1900; but after 2000 when supposedly on 17550 to C&WNAm, that was inaudible, not surprisingly since lower 15540 was about gone. Further chex of which language is on 15540 at 18-21 are of course called for. As well as whether they will ever really use 11990, which they really need to during B-seasons if English is to propagate.

15540, Oct 25 at 1757, R. Kuwait is already on, instead of Urdu, in Arabic speech, mentioning Palestine, Sudan, perhaps a special live event, because it continued past 1800 without timesignal, and was // 13650 which is normally in Arabic. 1826 recheck, speech is over, but still in Arabic on both, so looks like English is kaput from 15540, which now is much stronger than 13650. 1914 rerecheck, both still // with Qur'an. 2000 announcement, back to Qur'an, and now the // to 15540 is 17550, weaker but at least audible, ex-13650. 11990, the long-announced English frequency is still not on the air as it ought

to be at 18-21. So no more English from Kuwait on SW; we can't help but wonder if the 15540 broadcast was an ``intentional mistake'' whose time has run out.

15540, for the third day, Oct 26, R. Kuwait is in Arabic instead of English from 1800. Already going at 1757 tune in, poor signal today, but // 13650. 1842 both in Qur'an; 1900 announcement and more Q. 1915 faded to JBA (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. Caros amigos, Seguem os dados das últimas confirmações recebidas:

4010 - Kyrgyz National Broadcasting Corporation - Bishkek - KGZ - Recebido email confirmatório usando formato Powerpoint repassado anteriormente. Aproximadamente 7 anos. V/S: Mirgul Naralieva. QTH: Jash Gvardiya blvd. 59, 720010 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Com a emissora do Quirguistão consegui chegar aos 105 países confirmados. Jamais imaginei que apesar quase 7 anos receberia tal confirmação. Ela foi totalmente redigida em Russo e trata-se de um simples, mas amistoso agradecimento pelo informe enviado por mim. Em breve tais confirmações estarão disponíveis em meu blog.

73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP
<http://ivandias.wordpress.com>
<http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr>
radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** LAOS. 6130, LNR, 1200, Oct 25. Last heard them here in early July; usual indigenous theme music; only able to hear gong rang once (is actually rang seven times); light to mostly heavy adjacent QRM/splatter. At 1411 usual news in assume Laotian followed by nice indigenous songs. Great to hear them again!

Lao National Radio via Sam Neua on 4412.56v continues off the air, as well as LNR external service on 7145 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etun E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. ELWA [showing their transmitter]:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIKl11fqPyE&feature=related>
(via Ian Baxter, Oct 22, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** LIBYA. Libyan excitement --- That was heard a moment ago here in QC on 1449 kHz at 2319 UT, a moment of pure emotion following the announcement of Kadhafi's death I would easily guess:
http://www.quebecdx.com/mp3/libya_kadhafi_death_1449.mp3

(Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, CAN, 20 Oct, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

Lots of ``God is great``'s, but doesn't take much to provoke that (gh)

Never had audio on 1251 before! At 0017, some singing that sounded like an anthem or similar, perhaps celebrating Gadaffi's death?? M&W talk on 1205. Plus about 63 carriers with no audio, so far. Is there any chance the 1251 could've been anything other than Libya? It's like they found the modulation control. Moderate level carriers on 891, 954 & 1215. 1584 has odd sound, like possibly 2 or 3 carriers? 73, (George Sherman, MN, UT Oct 21, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

Libya-1251 still pounding in at 2116 EDT [0116 GMT] with typical Libyan music, obviously celebrating the end of Ghadafi (Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford, PA, UT Oct 21, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

I haven't had many passable TA nights this season but then I'm not listening as much. Last Thursday, Oct. 20th was the only good one, with 36 signals, most with some audio. That was the night when Libya-1251 was blasting in with music, probably celebrating Gadaffi's demise. I haven't heard them since and wonder if they just came on for that occasion or perhaps just turned on their power all the way. Well, on that night my granddaughter's boy friend was here and enjoyed hearing Libya. He's coming for dinner tonight so perhaps reception will be good again. My granddaughter and her two little boys live here and keep us quite busy (Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford, Pa, Oct 23, ibid.)

OCT 20, 0004, 1251, "Radio Libya", Tripoli --- This is usually just a strong het, even on the car radio. I've never had audio until tonight. And enough audio to parallel with a Global Tuners receiver in Italy. Too muddled to hear speech on the Drake, but the online remote receiver was a match with the upbeat music I was hearing over the air. The Global Tuners feed had several "Radio Libya" IDs. Used to be the "Voice of Africa". Very upbeat music program tonight - sounds like the DJ is programming happy music. One song has been played several times - I recognize the word "Libya" in it. Maybe some sort of victory song? Music played through the top of the hour at 0100, but IDs heard periodically between the music. Now playing a song at 0104 with refrain "Libya, Libya, Libya". Over the air signal long gone now. This is Libya #3 for me, I think. Others logged are 972 and 1125 (Jim Renfrew, Holley NY, Oct 21, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11589.2, 18/10 2151, UNID Arab broadcast, really distorted modulation, same talks and Arabic songs. Strong signal, terrible audio (Giampiero Bernardini, Italy, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST) Could this have been an early symptom of the following? (gh)

** LIBYA. Broadcast from New Libya started on 11600 kHz at *1601-1809* UT on Oct. 21. The ID is "Ici Radio-Television Libye, Radio Libye de la Capital Tripoli" by female. Mainly music program. By Hiroshi:
<http://ani.atz.jp/FBDX/NowBBS/img/2345.mp3>
S. Aoki received it for the first noted on Oct. 19 (S. Hasegawa, Oct 22, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Libya [11600] also fair strength here. I tried the 17725 and 21695 frequencies a couple of times earlier around 1500 but nothing heard on those frequencies (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, Oct 22, ibid.)

Thanks for the tip ñ it's just signed on at 1601 UT with ID as reported above. Quite strong here but very muffled audio. Announcing as the French service of Radio Libya. I wonder if there are also English and Arabic services on other frequencies? 73s (Dave Kenny, UK, 1606 UT Oct 22, ibid.)

Dear Dave, Some Japanese DXer monitors it, but, at other time, frequency, the language are not yet found. Today on 11600 kHz at 1602 s/on UT. Fair condx. (S. Hasegawa, Oct 22, ibid.)

Nice catch - there is jamming on the frequency - wonder if it is aimed at this station? Regards (Stuart satnipper, UK? 1827 UT Oct 22, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) What kind of jamming; are you sure? (gh, DXLD)

11600, Oct 22 at *1601 JBA carrier comes on, quite weaker than one on 11605 before 1600 (YFR via UAE); 11600 no better at 1755. Tnx to tip from S. Hasegawa, Japanese DXers have been hearing R. Libye reactivated under new management, since Oct 19 in French at *1601-1809* on 11600. (11600 was previously used at 19-20 for Hausa from V. of Africa.) Dave Kenny in England says 11600 is strong but muffled.

If there are other reactivated services, yet to be located; I did not hear anything on 17725 earlier today when English used to be at 14-16. Other frequencies registered or used previously from Sabrata are: 11650, 11720, 11805, 11995, 12105, 15215, 15660, 17590, 21695. (If you hear Arabic on 12105 after 1300, it's WTWW!) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At some point, they will more than likely expand their services as the need continues to advertise their new beginnings to the world. Invariably, they will get some sort of aid to get their broadcast infrastructure back up and running, and it might even generate jobs for some of us mercenary engineers. That's what I meant by great news (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Broadcast from New Libya on 11600 kHz
13 minute recording made in Japan is on YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXqZ8an4gJ0>
(Mike Barraclough, UK, Oct 23, ibid.)

I have uploaded a 30 minute clip of Radio Libya signing on at 1602 on 11600 kHz on 22 October 2011 at <http://www.worldxclub.org.uk/clips/radiolibya.mp3> recorded here on Eton Satellit 750 with 10m wire wrapped around room (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, ibid.)

I listened quite extensively on Saturday [Oct 22] to Radio Libya. Hardly any African music played that day (just a few minutes of African heard). Mostly the light orchestral music and Austrian waltz. There was also a repeated refrain from a tune that I knew, but which I couldn't quite place. It finally came to me today - it was the melody from the Eartha Kitt classic "Santa Baby"! (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, Oct 24, ibid.)

11600, transmitter at Sabrata on air approx. 1558 UT Oct 23, powerful fair signal noted in Europe, S=9+10dBm, station started with a test tone signal of 1038 Hertz till 1606:35 UT, also at 1607:55 UT many Tripoli and Libya IDs in French given.

But different to the huge transmitter carrier power and the superb test tone signal, the original program feed from Tripoli broadcasting house to Sabrata was opposite quality of small bandwidth and little undermodulated. Noted increased audio signal level later at 1637 UT.

A lot of western waltzing and symphonic music played. Listen to attached recording of some pieces between 1558 and 1608 UT (Wolfgang Bischel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing there today. I believe the hash on 11600 kHz was from some digital utility transmission. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

mmmmhhh...same bad audio as at my QTH. Here's what I heard:

"Ici Radio TÈlÈvision Libye(*). Radio Libye de la capitale Tripoli. TrÈs chers auditeurs en Europe (**) et sur le continent africain, vous pouvez suivre nos Èmissions en langue franÁaise.(.....??)..... de la capitale Tripoli sur ondes courtes sur une interfÈrence (***) de 11600 MHz de 18h00 ± 20h00, heure locale, soit de 1600 ± 1800 GMT. Radio-TÈlÈvision Libye. Radio Libye de la capitale Tripoli

(*) I wonder if they really say "Libye" as I heard something like "IRI"

(**) Europe ? need to be confirmed
(***) they really say "interfÈrence"

I you want, you can send me an other file tomorrow in order to confirm what I think Regards (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, via Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

AUDIOCLIP: Ici Radio Television Libya, Radio de la capital Tripoli
The new transmission in French language that identify "Ici Radio Television Libya, Radio de la capital Tripoli" is on air on 11600 kHz 1630 [sic] - 1800 UT. The audioclip is available here:
<http://blog.libero.it/radioascolto/10738091.html>

[with text]: Dopo l'uccisione di Gheddafi la situazione politica in Libia si sta evolvendo molto rapidamente e questo fa lo si puÙ constatare anche attraverso le trasmissioni radiofoniche che arrivano dall'altra sponda del Mare Mediterraneo. Se fino ad ora si potevano ascoltare le emissioni i onda media dai TX delle citt‡ riconquistate dagli oppositori del colonnello, da oggi anche le onde corte portano messaggi di democrazia e di rinnovamento che speriamo abbiano seguito concreto negli sviluppi futuri della Libia. Da questo pomeriggio sulla frequenza di 11600 KHz trasmette in lingua francese quella che si presume sar‡ la nuova radio ufficiale libica che si identifica "Ici Radio Television Libya, Radio de la capital Tripoli". Il segnale È abbastanza forte, interessato da fading e con scarsa qualit audio. Una breve considerazione geopolitica: il fatto che sia stata scelta la lingua francese per queste nuove trasmissioni a target internazionale la dice lunga sull'influenza che l'Italia avr‡ relativamente alla nuova situazione libica. 73's (Francesco Cecconi, Central Italy, 23 Oct, playdx yg via DXLD)

11600, Radio Libya (or whatever they are calling themselves now).
1556-1801:41* October 23, 2011. As per many reports on the other side of the pond of this from 1600 to 1800, indeed it's here, though copy is too poor for any ID. Tune-in at 1556, carrier present. Unable to determine if really just a pre-broadcast carrier, or something already in progress. Snippets of audio in definite French -- mostly talk with filler music -- and finally male closing announcements, fill music at 1758, transmitter off. Modulation seems very low, or maybe it's just too weak of a signal, or both. But for certain, this closes at 1800, when Hausa at least used to begin after French. Suspect there are other channels out there, yet to be discovered, with a couple of other languages (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX WORLD OF RADIO 1588, LISTENING DIGEST)

11600, Radio TÈlÈvision Libye, Tripoli, Libye Oct 24. Transmitter at Sabrata on air very late at 1606:15 UT, more than fair signal noted in Genua Italy and Finland Europe, S=9+15dBm. Program on same muffled

audio quality like yesterday, today measured and noted bandwidth like - three different audio levels, best is 1000 Hertz tone from the transmitter site, followed by "Russian Waltz" music wide of 4.4 kHz, and annoying spoken part quality of small 3.11 kHz.

Suffered by 11600 kHz co-channel CRI from Baoji, China in Swahili to Africa from 1700-1757 UT.

And also hit by some "fade out" heavy splash from 11590 kHz Radio Pakistan Islamabad which appeared from 1721 UT onwards. SDR radio notch cut function of 11585 to 11599 kHz portion upgraded to worth listening.

Identification in French and Russian Waltz music started at 1607:23 UT. For audio quality comparison I recorded some piece of VoRussia Grigoriopol in French on 11635 kHz at 1654 UT in between.

At 1655 a African vernacular folk song played from Sahel zone. At 1711:20 modern West African like rumba music played, with singer in French language.

Announcement ID in French logged at 1729 and 1747 UT. Much talk on Libye Revolution, as well as RÈvolution FranÃaise at Paris Bastille.

Russian waltz music played til late 1803:45 UT. Transmitter OFF today Oct 24 at 1804:14 UT (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello DXers, I have been following 11600 kHz for a few days now; that audio reminds me of Radio Cairo's audio as well. I wonder if they have the same transmitters? Reception in Cairo is fair, but again hardly can understand any wording (with help from my sis who speaks French fluently). Wonder why did they start with French programs? I thought it would be more logical to have English or Arabic one; but sounds like this is the only option they have so far. Will keep an ear on that frequency. Hoping to have any more catches with UNID stations that we can link with Libya. Best regards (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Oct 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If it is again the Sabratah site, as used by the former LJBC until 18 Aug (and what else should it be?), there are two almost brand-new 500 kW Thomson transmitters, installed a few years ago.

Wolfy already mentioned that the audio quality actually varies between the individual program elements, and I noted this today also for the amount of non-linear distortion. So perhaps the program audio sounds so terrible already at the transmitter input (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

New Libyan external service --- Dear DX-ers, I listened to Libya this afternoon (Oct 24) at 1610-1735 UT on 11600.00 kHz which had a broadcast in French with SINPO 35433 - 45443 and S up to 9+30 dB, but a very muffled voice audio. Their audio of music was perfect: Vienna waltzes and light instrumental music which was often played! They had frequent, new ID's: "Radio Libye, Tripoli" and "Ici Radio TÉLÉvision Libye, Tripoli". This obviously has replaced the former Gaddafi names "Libyan Jamahiriya Broadcasting Corporation" and the external service "Voice of Africa".

Mostly talks on the same time schedule as former Voice of Africa in French about the revolution and future democracy in Libya, about the abduction of the corpse of Muammar Gaddafi, the declaration of military victory of Libya in Benghazi and the democratic election yesterday in Tunisia and about developments in Syria. All was very different content to what was heard on the Voice of Africa! Slight QRM from *1700 from CRI, Baoji in Swahili, then 54443. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, Oct 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. Novos áudios em ondascurtas.com - Libyan Jamahiriya Broadcasting. Dando continuidade ao projeto dos arquivos abertos, o DXCB oferece mais alguns áudios históricos do acervo do deixista Antônio Ribeiro da Motta.

No dia em que as agências de notícias informaram sobre a captura e possível morte do coronel e ex-ditador líbio Muammar Gaddafi, trazemos três áudios gravados nas décadas de 70 e 80. Trata-se de áudios da antiga Rádio Libyan Jamahiriya Broadcasting Corporation, Rádio Jamahiriya, emitindo de Trípoli, com identificações em inglês (serviço internacional) e em árabe. Ouça aqui:
<http://www.ondascurtas.com/16-audios/93-libyan-jamahiriya-broadcasting-corporation>

Os áudios também podem ser baixados visitando a página de áudios de Antônio Ribeiro da Motta no site. O endereço é:
<http://www.ondascurtas.com/materiais/audios/antonio-r-motta>
Boas escutas a todos! (Marcelo Vieira, Maringá - PR, DXCB - 30 anos dedicado ao deixismo, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** LITHUANIA. 5940, HCJB, via Sitkunai, 1700-1730, Oct 17, mailbag in High German with Iris Rauscher, Christian songs from Peru and texts, greetings to listeners in Germany, Denmark and Argentina, incl. DSWCI members Simon-Peter Liehr and Anker Petersen.

At 1730 followed a German programme from IRIB, Tehran, 55544 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 19 via DXLD) About covers it

** MADAGASCAR. 5010, 13/10 1626, Radio Madagascar, talks in

vernacular, carrier modulated only on upper side, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balun), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Madagasikara. 5010 Antananarivo. Oct 20, 2011, Thursday. 1835-1849 Malagasy. Music and songs. ID at 1846 "Radio Madagasikara". Fair signal, but badly distorted in AM mode. Still had to use "sync" mode and USB. Jo'burg sunset 1618. But two nights later, Oct 22, 2011, Saturday, from 1816-1821, it was weak and very poor / noisy, almost unreadable even with "sync" mode and USB. Jo'burg sunset 1619 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135.28, R Madagasikara, 1500, Oct 24, carrier in the clear after Sana'a had left, to 1505:27 s/off but much to my surprise they reappeared abt 30 secs later. MDG still there at 1552 when I thought I could actually make out some faint speech so tuned away to 4910/5010 to see if I could parallel this, but unsure. Unfortunately 49 mb frequency gone at 1555 recheck. Assume this was just a one-day event? (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands /TenTec 340, 25 m. longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. QSL: 17800, Deutsche Welle German to SE Asia via Talata-Volondry. Full data (with site) '20 years of German Unity' QSL card, for a postal report to Bonn address. Reply in 22 days (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 21/10/11, 35505, R Netherlands, MDG, 3 x 11835, 1414-1456 (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, England, Icom R9500 + CLP 5130 Log Periodic, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Plus many other utility logs Russia, Iran, USA, etc. 30-40 MHz (gh)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, 13/10 2332, Traxx FM, Malaysia, nice songs, talks in English about California and Hong Kong, good

9835, 14/10 2109, RTM Sarawak FM, Malaysia, Holy Kur'an, short religious talk, then songs no stop, fair/good

11665, 13/10 2024, Wai FM, Malaysia, pop songs, talks, fair, destroyed at 2029 by CRI on 11660 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 9635, RTVM, *0801:30-0825, abrupt sign on with local guitar

music and vernacular talk. Rustic tribal vocals. Poor to fair. Oct 22
(Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MAURITANIA. 7245 0100-0108*, 16.10 R Mauritanie, Nouakchott,
Hassania Arabic talk, string music, abrupt s/off in mid-sentence
55444. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, Oct 23, here in Skovlunde on
my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini,
playdx yg via DXLD)

Re 11-42: ``I wonder if they've upgraded or serviced their transmitter
in some way? This is the first season that they've even shown a hint
of audio here, but of course conditions change from season to season
also. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, Oct 19, IRCA via DXLD)

Nick, That's entirely possible. 7245 was off the air for a few months
earlier this year, and came back on in late summer, as I recall. They
may have also done some tweaking on 783 when they fixed the shortwave
transmitter (Bruce Portzer, WA, ibid.)

In came Mauritania on 783 at around 0340 with mumbly audio by a YL,
and // to the SW frequency of 7245 (which has really dropped compared
to a couple of hours ago). At times 783 is stronger. Nice to hear
something TA! (Walt Salmani, Victoria, BC, UT Oct 21, IRCA via DXLD)

7245, Oct 21 at 0605, IGIM chanting, but unusually weak signal vs
VATICAN 7250, q.v.

7245, Oct 22 at 0553, IGIM is on and chanting, while it had not been a
few minutes earlier around 0545; much weaker than Vatican 7250 (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have audio on 783 again tonight // to 7245 with the same monotoned
male speaker at low modulation. This is at 0520 or so UT. About as
well as I've ever heard them, but far from arm chair copy! (Walt
Salmani, Victoria BC, Oct 24, IRCA via DXLD)

783 actually delivered audio traces at around 0525 UT this evening,
with a man talking, but at near imaginary level in the splash and
noise, so hardly what I would consider a parallel with 7245 which
also had a man talking. By 0535, it has faded to a weak carrier.
Another time! Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria BC, ibid.)

783, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 1931- 22/10, vernacular, African pops;
54444, QRM de ESPA-A. The parallel HF outlet is 7245; they remain
inactive on 60 m, unless they're using this band in the very late
night hours and very early morning, but don't think so (Carlos
GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245, Oct 24 at 0522, IGIM is already on with conversation in Arabic, not yet chanty; ACI from about equal Vatican signal on 7250, but more modulation from them.

783, Oct 25 at 0033, the only TA carrier I could detect, 9-kHz stepping down the entire band, likely IGIM, with higher paths blocked by CME (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Pre-sunrise MW DX Oct 20 UT, with Cant' then IRCA listings:

590, Oct 20 at 1204 UT, Veracruz mentioned in QRM, 7:04 TC, cumpleaños, so tentatively:

590 XEOM Radio Fórmula Coatzacoalcos Coatzacoalcos, Ver. 1,000 1,000

590 XEOM Ver Coatzacoalcos 1000 1000 Radio Fórmula Coatzacoalcos 1200-0600 NWS/VAR ORF1/RAMSA

660, Oct 20 at 1210 UT, after mañanitas-like song, TC for 6:09 ``en La Tremenda, Número Uno``; phone on air; 1211, 6:10 TC still a minute slow, and Radio 6-60 ID:

660 XEACB Radio 660, La Tremenda Cd. Delicias, Chih. 3,000 1,000

660 XEACB Chih Ciudad Delicias 5000 1000 Radio 6-60 1300-0600 VAR OIR

670, Oct 20 at 1212 UT, yet another with mañanitas, 1215 R. Ranchito ID, naming birthday person:

670 XETOR Radio Ranchito Torreón, Coah. 1,000 250

670 XETOR Coah Torreón 5000 250 Radio Ranchito, X-E-Tor 1200-0600 NOR/RAN OIR

710, Oct 20 at 1216 UT, big dominant signal with ``Noticias 7-10``, MDT/CST TCs 6:+ but one minute slow, introducing first ad block of the day, but really just two PSAs, gobierno federal on how the president is successfully fighting the Zetas and other drug cartels (with a disclaimer-like condensed too-fast-to-be-spoken-by-a-live-human appendix), and another for the Senado; back to news, item about how Mexican Día de los Muertos celebrations are infiltrating the US' Hallowe'en, including Albuquerque and Houston:

710 XEDP La Ranchera Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. 7,000 100

710 XEDP Chih Ciudad Cuauhtémoc 7000 -5000 La Ranchera de Cuauhtémoc 24h RAN/NOR RAMA Possibly 24h on weekends

900, Oct 20 at 1224 UT, from WSW, highly produced show with musical effects about astrobiology, called 'Radio Esfera' (?), topix including water on Moon, life on Marte (Mars); outro as a UNAM producion; 1228 Radio Vida ID in ``un café por la mañana``, program title?

900 XEDT La Reina Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. 5,000 1,500

Obviously Fred Cant' is not reading my reports, or he would have updated this by now, no more ``La Reina``

900 XEDT Chih Ciudad Cuauhtémoc 5000 -1 La Reyna/Reina, R Divertida

1400>0200 CAR FIRM Format includes US Classic Country

980, Oct 20 at 1232, IMER [pronounced Imer] PSA about ``80 años del cine sonoro en México'', gobierno federal PSA, IMER con ``18 emisoras con personalidad propia'', 1233 ID as ``La F-Q, La Voz de la Ciudad del Cobre'', 1234 ``Antena Radio en el Mundo'', news of Libya:

980 XEFQ La Voz de la Cd. del Cobre Cananea, Son. 2,500 500

980 XEFQ Son Cananea 1000 500 La Voz de la Ciudad del Cobre 1200-0700
VAR/TLK MER/RCN Antena Radio news -- so is it 2500 or 1000 watts?

18 stations hardly amount to national coverage in this huge country, especially some little ones in remote spots like Cananea, but at least IMER counts with one big one, XERF, 1570. There are also a few non-IMER noncommercial/cultural/indigenous stations, some of them run by state governments, universities or federal indigenous agencies.

1570, Oct 21 at 0419 UT, tuning past XERF found big signal more or less overcoming all the QRM, but modulation way down compared to 1560, 1580 signals et al. I assume someone just wasn't paying attention to levels, no OPTIMOD. Could hear OK by turning volume up.

Pre-sunrise MWDX Oct 21, UT, then Cant' and IRCA info:

590, Oct 21 at 1207 UT, 7:17 TC in Spanish, mentioned Tamaulipas. Not much to go on, but like tentative log of 590 Coatzacoalcos, Ver., I make this tentatively:

590 Xefd La Mejor Reynosa, Tamps. 5,000 500

590 Xefd Tama Reynosa 5000 500 La Mejor 1030-0500 NOR/RAN MVS/PM v/s:

630, Oct 21 at 1209, automated ID twice by YL voice as ``7 y 9, 7 y 9'', i.e. in CDT zone, then ID as ``Radio Centro 10-30, red nacional . . . en sistema satélite'', then keyboard music. I was expecting morning newscast usually heard from XEFB Monterrey. IRCA has that as a GRM [Grupo Radio México] affiliate, not GRC [Grupo Radio Centro]. I can't find any national network affiliate list for it, at <http://radiocentro1030.mx/>

This Cant' page is supposed to list the network newscasts in NL, but is blank:

http://www.radiotvmexico.net/contenido.php?seccion=noticiero&edo_id=19&siglas=radio

Instead you have to go to this list, which also shows Grupo Radio México for XEFB:

http://www.radiotvmexico.net/contenido.php?seccion=estacionesEdo&edo_id=19

Other cross-references also put XEFB with GRM, not GRC. From signal and proximity I still think I am hearing XEFB, but would sure like to know if there is another 630 station really with GRC.

630 XEFB FB La Estación Que Da Las Noticias Monterrey, N.L. 10,000

10,000

630 XEFB NL Monterrey 20000 20000 F-B, La EstaciÛn Que Da Las Noticias

24h NWS/RCM GRM directional antenna. Noticiero Entrelínea

So is XEFB 10 or 20 kW? WRTH shows 10

780, Oct 21 at 1214 UT, TC for 7:14 ``en La Poderosa'', with KSPI OK nulled. The slogan is too generic, not listed for any XE 780 in Cant', IRCA or WRTH; Googling however, leads to the prime suspect:

<http://es-es.facebook.com/pages/La-Poderosa-780-San-Fernando-Tamps/208401075867066>

780 XESFT La Triple T San Fernando, Tamps. 5,000 1,000

780 XESFT Tama San Fernando 5000 1000 La Triple T/La Caliente 1100-

0600 CHR CORP/RAMA Notisistema news. Night power 0100-0600

So what are the three T's in their name about?

altho XEXY also has some hits as ``La Poderosa``:

780 XEXY La Voz Del Balsas Cd. Altamirano, Gro. 2,500 1,000

780 XEXY Guer Ciudad Altamirano 2500 1000 La Voz del Balsas 1200-0430

VAR FIRM

1050, Oct 21 at 1305 UT, Spanish monolog mentioning electricity and California, east/west. Don't see any likely US stations from TN to CA, so good assumption is one of these two (?) 10 kW daytimers, more likely XED:

1050 XED W Radio Mexicali, B.C. 10,000 D

1050 XED BCN Mexicali 10000 1000 Radiorama Siglo 21, W Radio 24h SP

VAR RAMA //WIND 560 kHz?

Tho I'd rather it were this one:

1050 XEBCS Gobierno del Estado La Paz, B.C.S. 10,000 D

1050 XEBCS BCS La Paz 10000 -1 Radio Cultural Surcaliforniana,

Gobierno del Estado 1300-0500 CUL Universidad AutÛnoma de BCS

Pre-sunrise MWDX Oct 22, UT:

820, Oct 22 at 1215 as I tune in and null WBAP, ID as XEBA, on to romantic music. Cant' and then IRCA say:

820 XEBA La Consentida Guadalajara, Jal. 10,000 1,000

820 XEBA Jal Guadalajara 10000 100 La Consentida 24h NSP VAR TVR U3?

I've never been quite sure why radio stations would be named this, as consentida means spoiled or over-indulged per my Random House, while Google can't do any better than 'consented'. Seems like XEBA used to be call of 830 in Mexico City, as in Bellas Artes, but now that is XEITE, R. Capital.

Sunrise MW DX Oct 23, UT:

770, Oct 23 at 1244 UT, promos for Grupo FÛrmula, and ``FÛrmula

Noticias cada mañana'', but not today, then playing some romantic music. Per Cant', only Fórmula on 770 is:

770 XEACH Radio Fórmula Primer Cadena Monterrey, N.L. 25,000 1,000

And IRCA 2010 also has only it:

770 XEACH NL Monterrey 5000 200 Radio Fórmula 7-70 1200-0600 NWS/TLK ORF1/RAMA

Pre-sunrise MWDX Oct 24, UT. 1200 UT is now too far before local sunrise latening from 1245, for there to be any SRS reception peaks, and the US QRM is still heavy. Before long maybe we'll be getting multiple XE NAs around 1300.

Most of Mexico will go off DST Oct 30, a week earlier than USA, but there is so much American commercial influence along the border that such cities will keep on DST a week longer until Nov 6 along with US, a true Week Of Confusion. See also CUBA [non].

760, Oct 24 at 1205 UT, ABC Radio introducing Carlos Ramos Padilla, newscaster? In the DF sexion, Cant' says: ``760 XEABC ABC Radio, Comentarios, Programas hablados. 70,000 watts día, 10,000 watts noche desde San Sebastian Chimalpa, Mex. Grupo ABC Radio.'' So transmitter is over in Estado de México.

Checking MW early UT Oct 25 for TAs but not much heard; instead somewhat auroral conditions favoring southern signals. Facing south on the porch, little did I realize that by 0120, visible aurorae would be reported as far south as Tulsa and Edmond OK. But our northerly horizon is light-polluted, tree-blocked when checked later.

690, Oct 25 at 0059 UT, after a Gardel-like song, ``La 69.com.mx'', full ID for XEN, 690 amplitud modulada, Radio Rey, 100,000 watts, street address, etc. 0102 ``La 69, 6-90 AM'' promos. Cant', then IRCA info:

690 XEN La 69 México, DF 100,000 5,000

690 XEN DF México 50000 5000 La 69 es noticias 24h NWS/TLK GRC announces ``cien mil watts''

780, Oct 25 at 0103 UT spacey sounders and ``la poderosa'' slogan, WBBM nulled, but heavy SAH from illegal KSPI Stillwater OK carrier never turned off. Slogan is too generic, but XESFT usually dominates.

780 XESFT La Triple T San Fernando, Tamps. 5,000 1,000

780 XESFT Tama San Fernando 5000 1000 La Triple T/La Caliente 1100-0600 CHR CORP/RAMA Notisistema news. Night power 01-06

810, Oct 25 at 0044 UT, ``Radio Rey, m-s m'sica''

810 XERI Radio Rey Reynosa, Tamps. 1,000 100

810 XERI Tama Reynosa 1000 100 Radio Rey 24h BAL/NWS SOMER Stereo At this late hour one would like to think they were really on 100-watt

night power!

900, Oct 25 at 0045 UT, one can no longer assume the Mexican here is XEW, but heard the familiar from sesquidecades past four descending chimes of XEW, then #1562 in the series of ``La Colita`` programs.

900 XEW W Radio + FM 96.9 MÈxico, DF 250,000 250,000

900 XEW DF MÈxico 250000 250000 W Radio 24h NSP VAR/SPO/TLK TVR // 540 at times; also relayed on 900 XEWB Veracruz 50000 50000 with echo

Pre-sunrise MW DX Oct 25, UT:

680, Oct 25 at 1207 UT, 6:07 time = MDT, almanac informing us it's the 297th day of 2011y, felicidades, 23 grados, saludos including to a 99-year-old lady, mentions Megamedios, ``noticias en punto``. 1212 emanates from Sinaloa and greeting listeners in Angostura as well as neighboring states. Therefore it is:

680 XEORO La Mera Jefa + FM 93.7 Guasave, Sin. 1,000 500

680 XEORO Sin Guasave 1000 500 La Mera Jefa, X-E-oro 1200-0600 RAN RDIO

690, Oct 25 at 1200 UT in KGGF null, local adstring but frustratingly without any gotcha names recognized; 1204 mentions 107.1 y 690; No such frequency matches on the 690s in Cant' or IRCA

Pre-sunrise DX Oct 26 UT:

770, Oct 26 at 1225 UT, string of government PSAs, 1228 full ID for XEACH, R. FÙrmula Monterrey, including address and 800 number; 1229 rock song in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. [CapeDX] Growl on 940 kHz, received in Northern Texas --- Good Morning All; Working my way through recordings made 2 summers ago in Northern Texas. Up to 940 kHz and noticing a growl in the audio. Popped over to zoom in and clearly see 3 carriers. The "local" KIXZ Amarillo, TX is right on frequency. There are 2 that are off. One is at 939.88 kHz the other at 940.19 kHz. Does anyone have a good list of offsets and might have an idea who the 2 off frequency might be ? I suppose there might be something local generating this but they really look like broadcast carriers (Thanks, Bill Nollman, Farmington, Connecticut, via Mika, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

The one below 940 is XEQ, the one over 940 is XEMMM.

Another issue regarding 940. For the first time this fall I and several other DXers in Scandinavia have noted an abnormal source of interference on 940 kHz, showing as a saw-like figure on the Perseus display. It is on irregularly, or at least not constantly, but I haven't paid closer attention to its schedule. Based on my antennas I

would suspect its origin to be eastwards, somewhere in northern Russia. The signal is quite strong, and effectively ruins reception of weak stations whenever it happens to be on. Any observations by others? 73

Mika Makelainen, currently DXpeditioning in Lapland, more at
<http://www.dxing.info/community/viewtopic.php?f=21>
<http://www.dxing.info/community/viewtopic.php?f=21&t=2667&p=4937#p4937&t=2667&p=4937#p4937>
ibid.)

** MEXICO. CME and geomag storm set off some very off-season sporadic E into VHF, Oct 25 UT:

1410 turn-on of channel 2 analog, there is the f network-4 from SSW:
Large f bug in lower left, smaller one in upper right
1412 on 3, toons surely net-5, likely XHBQ, plus CCI
1417 on 2, net 4 fades in again, f talk show
1440 on 2, net 7 fades in, with soccer clips; 7 bug in LR plus digital time and temp; CARTA BLANCA sponsor bug in circle in UL; soon fade out; back at 1446 with some audio
1515 on 2, fade-in with net-5 bug UR, toon
1535 on 2, algo fades in with nasal remedy ad, map of facial innerds (at first I thought intestinal until zoomed out to a face).
1607 on 2, fade-in Colgate ad, hoy show from net-2, 11:07 clock LR
1635 on 2, another fade-in with CCI, some Spanish audio
1704+, weak signals on 2 continue to fade in occasionally

The aurora-induced sporadic E opening of Oct 25 continued to bring in some weak analog ch 2 signals as late as 1815 UT, but no more at 1900 and several later chex that afternoon (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO [non]. TWR Monte Carlo TX site 'Mt. Agel Fontbonne' transmissions SPLIT to Moosbrunn, Issoudun and Wertachtal/Nauen sites, as well as total TWR Europe SHORTWAVE broadcast hours decreased by one third, from 440 to remaining 260 minutes [in B-11]. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B.schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 11-42: TWR Polish 0545-0600 via Fontbonne on 5915/7220, "Extended to 0615 for Czech on Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri only; why not daily too?"

--- Who knows, but it is on for the last week now anyway, with Fontbonne being another shortwave site that goes dark on Saturday, as it no longer shows up in the B11 schedule of TWR.

Polish, English, Hungarian and Romanian will be moved to other sites, including Issoudun (Hungarian 0930-1000 on 9450) which TWR will hereby use the first time I think. Serbian will be taken off shortwave and

continue on mediumwave only. Czech has been taken off mediumwave already in last March and will now go off AM altogether, with the programmes produced by the Brno affiliate of TWR, called Radio 7, continuing on Radio Proglas (a religious FM network) and the Cesky Rozhlas regional station at Plzen, cf.

<http://www.twr.cz/vysilani/tydenni-rozpisy-poradu-na-fmkv>

Concerning the Fontbonne site: It will continue with the 1350 and 1557 mediumwave transmitters TDF has moved in here years ago, so those who insist on considering it as "Monaco" have still something for doing so. The 100 kW shortwave transmitters there are meanwhile 40 years old, so I don't think TDF/MCR will bother to keep them in operational condition. The site also has a much more recent 500 kW transmitter, installed in 1983 and no longer used for years now, so here the question would be if it is still in operational condition already now (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And I think they will still have Monaco Radio weather / Radio Monaco news bulletins coming from there, won't they? Some pictures:

http://www.dxaktuell.de/?page_id=1892

73 (D. Kähler, Germany, ibid.)

Which I already saw discussed in such a way if there are maritime radio transmissions from proper Monaco soil as well. Not that I would have any opinion about the problems of country counting and QSL card collecting.

Btw, Evangeliums-Rundfunk terminated its use of the MCR transmitters (both 6230/7160 from Fontbonne and 1467 from Roumoules) already four years ago. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

** MONGOLIA. 4830, 13/10 2345, Mongolian Radio, Lyric music, weak, this time in // with 4895 & 7260 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 balun), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA - Khonkhor

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6tBj040IkE&feature=watch_response

<http://v8.lscache2.c.bigcache.googleapis.com/static.panoramio.com/photos/original/27124720.jpg>

(via Ian Baxter, Oct 22, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. 15345, Oct 22 at 2111, IMM in Arabic, well atop het from presumed Argentina on slightly different frequency; 2132 playing

bouncy song with lyrics ``Allahu Akbar`` over and over. Does this mean that god is insecure? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. Observation: IBB Briech site --- Very recently new GE imagery revealed 2011 imagery of the Briech region. Surprisingly, with so many international broadcasters dismantling their SW transmitting infrastructure within weeks of terminating their SW broadcasts from a specific site, the IBB Briech SW antennas are/were still in place as of April 2011. Interesting considering that the last SW broadcast from there occurred in April 2008 - 3 years ago (Ian Baxter, NSW, Oct 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think the actual transmitters have been removed from Briech, if various info sources are correct. IBB has a lot of older equipment at other sites that needs replacement, or at least, spare parts (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

** MYANMAR. Normally the switching of transmitter sites is seamless (almost simultaneous), but on Oct 20 found that 5985.83 (Yangon) continued on for one minute after 5985.0 (Naypyidaw) started broadcasting at 1443, which resulted in a strong het till Yangon finally closed down at 1444 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEPAL. NEPAL 2011 PRESS RELEASE # 6 --- "In less than one month, 9N7MD, the dxpedition organized by the Mediterraneo Dx Club, in Nepal from 13rd to November 25th, will be on air. Recently we have had new great arrivals and now our complete team, with so many well know and experienced guys, is the following:

IZ8CCW - Team Leader, Gabriele, I2VGW - Team Co-Leader, Ziv 4Z40Q, Bernard F9IE, Luis XE1L, Tony IZ2ESV, Pino I8YGZ, Fabrizio IZ2KXC, Dov 4Z4DX, Marco CE6TBN, Henri F1HRE, Michel, F5EOT, Alberto, IV3BSY, Marco IZ2GNQ, Sergio IZ3NXC, Eric ON7RN, Guillermo XQ3SA, Adhi YB3MM
The whole team is very motivated and so determine to hardly work 24/24 hours each day to give to the greatest number possible of dxers, from all over the world, the greatest number possible of new ones
bands/modes. If, as all of us wish, the internet connection will allow it, on our official web-site
<http://www.mdxc.org/nepal2011/>

We'll keep on touch every day with the dxer community and we'll update our log in real time. During our permanence in Nepal we kindly ask you to send any question only to our two pilots IZ8BGY (for Europa and Asia), N1DG (for USA). The OQRS system is ready and it will be soon online, and, in few days, you can find and tested the logsearch engine. We'd like just to remind you that any help and donations will be very very appreciated because all the starting cost are now

increasing. Please don't miss also the unique target of 9N Trophy, an opportunity to win nice prizes, that will be also a way to have a good time together.

We suggested you to spend a minute, time to time, visiting our web site

<http://www.mdxc.org/nepal2011/>

to stay tune and to insert your comments, suggestions, etc. We are waiting for you on air 73's de 9N7MD team" (via Joe Talbot, AB, Oct 22, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Madagascar. Radio Netherlands relay. 6020 Talata-Volondry. Oct 22, 2011, Saturday. 1804-1816 Living off the land. Some sick OM telling us about the noises animals make when he kills them. Nauseating programming, but good reception, to South Africa. Jo'burg sunset 1619 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Full RNW B-11 schedule is linked on their site:
<http://www.hfcc.org/data/schedbybrc.php?seas=B11&broadc=RNW>

Interesting to note: RNW will only have six and a half transmitter hours of its own programming from Madagascar, but the soon-to-be-closed Bonaire relay will have ten transmitter hours for RNW in B-11. Any word if the Telefunken units from H'rby are now on the air at Madagascar? (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Re 11-42: ``KBC Radio to test in DRM mode
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/october2011/kbc_radio_to_test_in_drm_mode.htm

Dutch-based KBC Radio, which is currently testing on shortwave 6095 kHz on Saturdays and Sundays at 0900-1600 UT, says on its website that it will shortly start testing in DRM mode. No further details yet, but the website says 'more news coming soon?

KBC Radio has also announced that The Wolfman Jack Halloween Special will be broadcast on 6095 kHz on Sunday 30 October at 0900-1100 UT (via Zacharias Liangas, Greece, Oct 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1587, DXLD)``

Hi Glenn. I am surprised that you do not mention the original source of this item as mentioned on the linked page - i.e. Source: Media Network, KBC Radio :-)

FYI <http://www.southgatearc.org> routinely uses items from Media Network, all correctly attributed. I am not aware of them publishing their own international media stories. 73, (Andy Sennitt, Media Network, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I didn't see the southgate page; why should anyone cite it instead of MN in the first place? At least MN was credited somewhere unlike on Voice of Turkey DX Corner (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** NICARAGUA. [continued from VENEZUELA] Bueno y eso no es nada, hace pocos minutos entre 6 y 7 de la noche hora local de Venezuela [UT - 4:30, so 2230-2330 UT], como quien no quiere la cosa me puse nuevamente a buscar frecuencias marinas y ahora he encontrado a un seÑor con charlas religiosas para los pescadores que est·n frecuencia y cumpliendo sus labores de pesca en mar profundo. Les hablaba de la biblia, de Dios, de las alabanzas al seÑor etc, incluso invitaba a los que estaban en frecuencia en sus embarcaciones a emitir sus palabras y alabanzas al seÑor y pedir porque las labores de trabajo salieran muy bien. Esto fue en la frecuencia 8989 kHz en modo USB. Lo cierto del caso es que ambas emisiones fueron hechas en frecuencias marinas a travÈs de la onda corta.

En esta oportunidad si hubo pescadores que utilizaron sus radios para enviar sus mensajes porque el seÑor que actuaba Como locutor religioso les daba el paso, incluso nombraron a la embarcaciÛn IntrÈpido II.

Mensajes Religiosos en banda marina de Onda Corta:

<http://youtu.be/PZDGS03s4gE>

He utilizado para mis escuchas el Radio Grundig Satellit 750 y antena exterior dipolo de 15 mts por lado. Un abrazo para todos (JosÈ Elìas DÌaz GÛmez, Venezuela, Oct 23, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

Hola JosÈ y colegas de la lista, JosÈ, quÈ bueno saber de ti nuevamente, en cuanto a lo que reportas:

Los mensajes religiosos en 8989 kHz es una ya "tradicional" cadena de pescadores Nicaraguenses que reciben el evangelio desde un pastor en la costa en Puerto Miskut, a veces se suman otros pescadores del area del Caribe, hace poco leÍ que han captado estas seÑales en centro de Europa, siempre aprox 2230 a 0000 Cordial saludo (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, ibid.)

** NIGERIA. 6090, 19 Oct 2011, 2013, FRCN Kaduna, Hausa service back on air parallel to MW 594. Absent when checked the following morning, but since then heard more frequently with only some breaks (James MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), Oct 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [and non]. 15120, Oct 20 at 0532, this time VON is barely atop the CCCI (co-channel Chinese interference), but enough so to tell that VON modulation is distorted.

15120, Oct 21 at 0602, very weak fluttery signal here, maybe or not VON vs China; yet, other Afros in English, 15580 VOA BOTSWANA, and 15275 DW RWANDA had much better signals, poor and fair respectively. Was Ikorodu off the air? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SW DX update from northern Delaware: 23-Oct-2011 // 0619 UT // 15120 kHz // Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu, Nigeria // World news program: female with story of shark attack off Australia, followed by "You're listening to the world news from the Voice of Nigeria, Lagos. Up next is business news...". // Excellent signal but with audio hum.

MP3 clip here:

http://www.21centimeter.com/21centimeter/Recordings/15120-khz_0619-UTC_23-Oct-2011_Voice-of-Nigeria_Ikorodu_Nigeria.mp3

Rgds, (-Pete Jernakoff-, K3KMS, Wilmington, Delaware,
<http://www.21centimeter.com> NASWA yg via DXLD)

15120, Oct 24 at 0529, VON is peaking S9+12, with hum, whine and distortion, but not too bad, carrier unstable with BFO on, starting 'Today in History' segment, with something happening in 1648y, then 1945y, UN founded. Say, when matching dates in the 1600s, is that by the old style or new style calendar?? Had not been audible last few nights, due to widely diverging propagation and/or operation.

15120, Oct 25 at 0610, VON is S9+18 way over CCCC1, in African news, undermodulated scratchy sound, some hum (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6924.7, Family Radio - WFMT or WFMP, 0020-0129*, IDs. Wide variety of pop music, instrumental music, classical music including Hallelujah Chorus and 70is disco music. Very good. Strong. Oct 22. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6925, Captain Morgan Shortwave, 0140-0200, blues music. IDs. email address. Very strong but voice announcements distorted. Oct 22 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS [and non]. A few hours after CME producing geomag storm and visible auroras, SW propagation is bouncing back very abnormally. Oct 25 at 0530, huge S9+20 signal from Radio Free Asia in Chinese on 17855, SSOB by far, // second SSOB 17615, only S9+12, and desynchronized a bit ahead of 17855. 17615 had barely detectable CCI under, presumably CNR1 jamming. Then found other //s: 15660 at 0535, but also with CNR1 echo jamming, and // 15615 more unsynchronized. At 0537, even 21580 was propagating // 17855 but not synchro, and with some CNR1 CCI; // 21740 as well. 21580 would sometimes make it at midsummer with near-light paths, but not to be expected now. Sites per

HFCC: SAIPAN on 17855 only; all others TINIAN.

21740 was scheduled at 06-07 Sundays only, so must be recent expansion. At 0605, 17855 is still VG and way over CCI, 15615 and 17615 still on and 17870 has been added, synchro with 17855. 17870 is not listed even in the latest IBB update on HFCC. Programming now is W in studio talking to M on phone. 13m channels off after 0600, 21580, 21740, but then at 0604 there's RFA Chinese on 21755 which per HFCC is Tinian, Tuesdays and Thursdays only at 06-07; what luck!

21535 also has appeared at 0605 with poor signal, non-Chinese. Nothing whosoever in HFCC but Aoki shows RFA Tibetan 06-07 Tuesdays only via Tinian since Aug 30; what luck, again!

Checked 15m but hardly any activity, weak SSB on 21246 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 780, 776 and 784, Sunday Oct 23 at 1243 UT, no signals from KSPI, allowing weak WBBM to be heard without SAH, and later NHK on 774. At 1255 Stillwater cut on amid sports talk (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1210, Oct 22 before and after 0600 UT for at least a few minutes, KGYN is unmodulated; asleep at switch or maintenance? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1600, Oct 20 at 1550 UT and past 1600, no signal from KUSH Cushing. It's occasionally been absent before, but you never know whether it's going to be temporary or permanent. Still missing at 1445 Oct 21, uncovering weak signals probably KS/TX. Cushing BTW is the nexus of an oil pipeline network, lately in a big controversy about whether to bring in a new one from Canada on the way to Houston (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1600, KUSH Cushing is still off the air, no signal Oct 24 at 1910 UT check.

KUSH has an active website with recent local news, but nothing about being off the air:

<http://www.1600kush.com/index.php?section=1>

Nor on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/1600kush?ref=ts>

Is everyone just listening online and don't even notice if 1600 is missing? This is the link:

<mms://nick9.surfernetwork.com/kush>

and we got it right away at 2320 UT, but not really live, instead the 7-10 am 'Donna & Molly Show' playback. Besides that, it appears the streaming is limited to live silly ballgames.

They don't display a complete program schedule; what's at 10-11 am? Then 'The Michael Smerconish Show' at 11-1 M-F, Neal Boortz at 1-4 pm; what's after 4 pm? Then plugs yahoosportsradio at 7 pm to 7 am on the web. Does this mean KUSH is not bothering to stay on air at night? One more show may be of interest if they get back on the air: ``Native Air with Hugh Foley, 10-11 AM Saturdays Native American News, Music and more!``.

FCC AM Query shows SR/SS in October 1230-2345 UT, November 1300-2315, with 1000 watts day, 70 watts night. NRC AM Log adds PSRA of 500 watts, i.e. 1100-1230 UT in Oct, 1100-1300 first week of November, 1200-1300 thereafter on standard time.

In absence of KUSH I could hear a weak SAH, a bit stronger at 2002 UT with music from one N/S station, likely KRVA The Metroplex Vietnamese. The other could be one of the two Nebraskans, KNCY Nebraska City, or KRFS Superior, both 500 watts. NRC AM Log says KNCY is direxional, KRFS not.

Come to think of it, there has not been an audible het on 1600 for a while, previously pinned on KMDO Fort Scott KS, 770 watts non-direxional, so maybe that's been fixed. But I was not getting a signal from its ENE direxion. In less than a month, skywave will be kicking in by 20 UT on the top of the band, but don't think so yet, as no such activity heard in the X-band.

1600, KUSH Cushing still missing Oct 25 at 1437 UT check; instead still hearing skywave Vietnamese from KRVA TX, with SAH from something (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST) KUSH was back Oct 27 at 1800

** OKLAHOMA. OETA's Oklahoma News Report announced on its Oct 22 edition that they have relocated their translator in SW Oklahoma from Frederick to Grandfield, and now it covers Lawton as well as for the first time Wichita Falls TX, on channels 10.1 and 10.2. Trouble is, FCC TV Query shows NO RF channel 10 there, the nearest being a CP in Clinton for a gospel huxter. Searching instead for any TV station in Grandfield, we do find it:

<http://transition.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/tvq?list=0&facid=182801>
but its RF channel is 18, with 15 kW, K18IZ-D.

So why would 10 be chosen as the virtual channel??? There was never an analog channel 10 there. Why not just make it 18 where it really is?

OETA's own translator map

<http://www.oeta.tv/about/coverage.html>

still shows Frederick on ch 34, ``channel recently changed`` and no Grandfield on any channel (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Channel '10' in Grandfield --- Mark, Tnx for your last reply. Sorry to

hear so many staff have been lost. On ONR they mentioned that the Frederick translator has moved to Grandfield, on channels 10.1 and 10.2. According to FCC info, the RF channel is really 18, so I am wondering how you came up with 10, as I don't think there was ever an analog channel 10 for OETA (or anyone) in that area. In this case, why not make it ``18`` where it really is? Regards, Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oct 22, to Mark Norman, OETA via DXLD)

In Grandfield we were lucky enough to get a position on a 1000 ft. tower that belongs to the Channel 18 Fox station. They moved to Channel 15 for their Fox digital signal and side mounted their antenna. They did not want to pay to move back to the top antenna on their tower. Since I had lived in Lawton for 22 years and ran the public radio stations in that area I knew of this change and the potential for OETA to get Channel 18.

I suggested to OETA that we apply for the Channel 18 frequency to get the chance to move to 1000 ft. tower from a 200 ft. tower and maybe a full power station someday in this market. There at over 350,000 people in this area with no Public Television except low power translators. Since Channel 18 still uses Channel 18 as their logo on air we could not use that channel even though it is our RF Frequency. The FCC does not allow for this confusion. The FCC in these cases just lets station select any Channel that is not used in the area for their OVER THE AIR [virtual] channel for off air viewing. We selected Channel 10 because it was in the middle of the Lawton stations 3, 6, 7, and 18 which are off air for Lawton/Wichita Falls. So far the calls have been very positive and the signal goes much farther than Frederick. We are in Wichita Falls with a great signal. I hope this answers your questions (Mark Norman, Deputy Director, Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, Oct 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Mark, This Saturday evening, trying to watch OKLA for 'Wash Week' and 'Need To Know'. Audio dropouts every few seconds (but video is not breaking up). Same thing happens to 13.1. I associate this with storms in the area, especially around OKC or between here and there.

{Would not be surprised if every time there is an unseen lightning flash, that knocks out the audio. Similar dropouts occur with DTV in the house whenever there is the least power surge by turning a light or any appliance on or off!}

Nothing can be done about it by repositioning antenna or switching between the two different external antennas I have. If only there were still an FM/analog audio channel, even with DTV video.

I understand that there is a more robust form of DTV designed for

mobile reception, but which I hope would also address this problem. May we look forward to OETA adding this option, at least on KETA? In our severe-storm area, it appears to be much needed. We would gladly sacrifice some resolution for an uninterrupted signal. Regards, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, to Mark Norman, OETA, via DXLD)

Glenn, Thanks for your note. You are one of our loyal viewers and I appreciate your questions and comments even though we can not always solve the problems you have.

As far as the signal fading this weekend per you other email, Enid is on the fringe of the new Channel 13 digital signal. We received as much power as the FCC would give us on Channel 13 and that will not likely change in the future. In fact, the FCC is pushing to get rid of over the air TV which everyone in the TV business is trying to fight.

Bad weather does cause the problems you were having and it can be from a few minutes to a few hours depending on the rainfall rate and clouds full of moisture. I wish I had a solution for you but I do not. A power amp on the antenna might help but normally if the signal is weak and breaks up the power amp will not solve this. Even Satellite will break up in rain. Cable is a better option but cost more and it too can break up and does.

The Mobile TV standard has been adopted by the FCC. OETA does not have the bandwidth at this time to offer the Mobile TV signal but we are looking at options for the future. It would cost \$500,000 to install new encoders for this service. The real issue is this new standard "MAY" be more robust than the current ATSC signal but that does not mean the signal will travel a further distance; it just means it will work while you are driving in the primary signal area. Distant signals may still have problems.

Also it is an MPEG4 signal. We broadcast an MPEG2 signal with the current ATCS. You would have to have a new television set to see these MPEG4 lower quality signals. The screen size for this new mobile TV is being looked at for a maximum size of about a 10" IPAD type screen. Anything larger would have a poor signal quality at this time. I think we will do mobile TV at some point if we keep our state funding but not likely for at least two years. We have another battle this year and next to keep the OETA funding and remain the station we want to be. Some would like OETA to go away in the legislature as far as state funding is concerned. I hope this answers your questions (Mark Norman, Deputy Director, Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, Oct 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 32, the duplicate ``TV-OK`` signal same as KXOK-LD on RF 31, lasted a few more days and is now gone, without any explanation

from the Enid station (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oct 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140,0, Oct 22 at 1407, R. Sultanate of Oman, very poor S6 to S9+5 peaks, disco music; ID at 1410 sounded like Radio 90.4 --- yes, that is their English FM channel in Muscat/Salalah at 03-18 per WRTH 2011 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. QSL Up-date: After waiting for my QSL reply, sent an e-mail follow-up inquiry asking on what the status was of the Radio Fly QSLs and if they had been sent out per my last communication with James Kaltobie. My letter was addressed to: Ms. Winnie.Monouluk and Mr. Francis.Tekei

This reply came back from Francis Tekei:

Hello Edward, All QSL's have been sent as per James' advise. Am unsure why you haven't received yours. Winnie - check with the mailing room & advise Edward again. Regards, Francis Tekei Public Relations Officer, Ok Tedi Mining Limited PO Box 1, Tabubil, Western Province, Papua New Guinea, P +675 649 3998 ? +675 649 3023, francis.tekei@oktedi.com

As you see he's asking Winnie if the Mail bags have been sent out, wondering if they still at the Mining Camp or some where along the return trip from the Mining Camp to the coast? (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Is it pronounced O-K or ok? Is ok a word or the English slang for all-right? (gh)

** PERU. ? 3360, R. JPJ (?), Lima, 2327-2344, 21/10, Castilian, advertisements, folk music; 25331. The signal was best received with the Beverage that's normally for Bolivia, Brasil not exactly Per', so maybe this is not JPJ, or Per' at all (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5039.250, Radio Libertad, 1000-1010 Oct 25, Opening NA type music followed by canned start of the day ID announcement by a male. I tried but just could not pick out any words except "onda corta". Following this, more canned shenanigans with barnyard sounds and a male commenting. Finally at 1005 live Spanish comments by a male who gives date and other information. Signal was fair (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, 26N 081W, Excalibur SDR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 15190, R. Pilipinas, 1958-2000 Oct 16. Noted in passing with multi-language ID's, including English, Tagalog, and perhaps others; Radio Ng Bayan was mentioned, too (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

17700.04, R. Pilipinas/VOP, 0206, Oct 21. The only day I have found them slightly off frequency; iDateline MalacaÔangî with interesting

items about celebrations of the anniversary of the Oct 20, 1944 return to the Philippines by General MacArthur. I always enjoy their excellent local news coverage! Fair reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Philippine Broadcasting Service Manila in B-11 schedule towards PHL Foreign workers in the Middle East.

Tagalog/English 0200-0330 UT 11880, 15285, 17700 kHz.

English 1730-1930 UT 9825, 11890, 15190 (Wolfgang Bischel,
wwdxr BC-DX TopNews Oct 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re R Pilipinas - usually 0200-0330 in English, and 1730-1930 in Tagalog ? (Dave Kenny, via wb, ibid.)

Dave, I don't know, station is too FAR AWAY. But Aoki list this.

0200-0330 UT English/Filipino

1730-1930 UT

English: Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon

Filipino: Radyo ng Bayan Tue/Thur

Filipino: Radyo Magasin Wed

73 wolfy (Wolfgang Bischel, *ibid.*)

** PHILIPPINES. 7505, Oct 24 at 1440, soprano with hymny song in language unknown; poor signal but it's late enough for WWCR 7490 splash to be reduced and not a problem now. Is FEBC Iba site, 100 kW, 300 degrees in Chinese per HFCC and Aoki. I'm waiting for someone to list-log this as WRNO, which has really been off the air for 11 months now, never to return?? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. SINES STATION WILL BE SWITCHED OFF ON OCTOBER 29/30

Hi all, In the next October 29. DW Sines will switch off all transmitters definitely. This is the end of an era of broadcasting in short wave from Portugal. From this date, Portugal have no more "short wave voice". DW Sines was the "last short wave voice" from Portugal. This is a "night of nights" for us in Sines. To all my friends, thanks for your help during the goods of DRM tests and transmissions.

Best regards, 73 from: CT4RK, Carlos, Sines - Portugal
Receiver TENTEC RX320 modified, R&S HE010 active antenna, DREAM
software...And...No more PLC/BPL QRM...Thanks ANACOM!
Save the Radio Spectrum! Eliminate Broadband over Power Line.
<http://www.drmrx.org/forum/showthread.php?t=2360>

SINES A11 SCHD (BY UTC) :

FREQ	STATION	UTC	DAYS	LANG	PWR	AZI
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12070	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0000-0100	1234567	German	250	275
9440	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0200-0300	1234567	German	250	75
6180	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0400-0500	1234567	English	250	150
6075	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0400-0557	1234567	German	250	40
6180	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0500-0530	1234567	English	250	150
5955	R.NEDERLAND	0500-0558	1234567	Dutch	250	40
11830	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0530-0557	1234567	Portuguese	250	150
9545	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0600-0630	1234567	English	250	170
15650	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0600-0657	1234567	German	250	140
9885	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0630-0700	1234567	Hausa	250	150
11850	R.PORTUGAL INT	0645-0800	.23456.	Portuguese	250	55
11925	BBC(DRM)	0700-0800	1234567	English(Digital)	90	40
11995	R.PORTUGAL (DRM)	0830-1000	1.....7	Portuguese(Digital)	90	45
17585	BBC	1200-1230	1234567	French	250	170
13730	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1200-1300	1234567	French	250	110
21840	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1200-1300	1234567	German	250	80
17820	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1300-1400	1234567	Hausa	250	150
21840	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1400-1457	1234567	Amharic	250	110
21630	BBC	1400-1500	1234567	Hausa	250	145
17840	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1400-1600	1234567	German	250	80
17745	Sudan R.Service	1500-1530	1234567	English/Sudanese	250	114
17745	Sudan R.Service	1530-1700	1234567	Arabic/Sudanese	250	114
17780	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1600-1700	1234567	Amharic	250	110
17840	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1700-1800	1234567	French	250	150
21780	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1700-1800	1234567	French	250	140
15410	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1730-1830	1234567	Persian	250	80
9545	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1800-1857	1234567	German	250	40
13780	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1800-1900	1234567	German	250	40
17610	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1900-1930	1234567	English	250	140
17610	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1930-1957	1234567	Portuguese	250	140
9545	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2000-2100	1234567	German	250	40
9620	KBS WORLD RADIO	2000-2100	1234567	Arabic	250	105
11865	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2000-2100	1234567	English	250	160
9735	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2100-2157	1234567	English	250	120
15275	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2100-2200	1234567	English	250	120
11865	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2200-2355	1234567	German	250	235

(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Oct 22, dxldyg via WORLD OF
RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THE STORY OF SINES TRANSMITTER PARK Friday, October 21, 2011

<http://externalradio.blogspot.com/2011/10/story-of-sines-transmitter-park.html>

To mark the end of the activities of the Sines transmitter park, in Portugal, Deutsche Welle presents next October 29, a special edition of its Portuguese program iContrastei, telling the story of the German transmitting station in the Iberic Peninsula. It has been informed by the chief of the Portuguese redaction, Johannes Beck, during the night broadcast of DW in Portuguese for Africa, last Saturday. As you can

hear in the recording below, Beck was telling about the changes for listeners in Africa with the closure of the transmitters in Sines and Trincomalee (Sri Lanka). The Sines picture above is in a discussion forum in the internet ([link](#)).

The recording of this night program of DW in Portuguese goes to my archive of shortwave, since was broadcasted from Trincomalee, with pretty good reception in Brazil, at 19h30 UTC, in 15.640 khz. I think that a special program about the Asian station would be a good idea too. A curiosity: before beginning the Portuguese program, Trincomalee keeps using the classical iPausezeichen of DW.

The new scheme of transmission in Portuguese for Africa, from October 30 on, just from Kigali, Ruanda, is in DW's site and reproduced below:

- Morning Edition - 05h30-06h UT: 9800 kHz (250 kW) and 12045 kHz
- Night Edition - 19h30-20h UT: 6145 kHz (250 kW) and 9735 (250 kW)

And, as we're talking about closure of transmission parks, there is an interesting article from Victor Goonetilleke in the blog DX Asia, defending it would be technically better broadcast for Africa from Trincomalee than from Kigali. Goonetilleke writes also about the growing up of China Radio International in the vacuum from the spaces abandoned by the big occidental stations.

Part of the program of DW in Portuguese for Africa, on the October, 15: Posted by Elmar Meurer at 11:12 PM
--- (via Alokesha Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

De: Samuel Castro
Enviado: sexta-feira, 21 de Outubro de 2011 22:01
Para: ARLA - Associação de Radioamadores do Litoral Alentejano

Assunto: RE: Na mudan a de hora, a estação da Deutsche Welle em Sines, encerra definitivamente os seus emissores.

Oi., amigos: Que posso dizer depois dum a expressiva mensagem da vossa parte?

Nessa "escuridão" - the night of nights (em que ir mergulhar todo um vasto auditório)... e enquanto prosseguimos o duro combate pela reposição da Onda Curta do Centro Emissor de Pegões... voo mergulhar também os nossos corações em mais um mar de dor!

Caros amigos, num momento desses tão triste, as lágrimas não deixam de verter dos olhos de não sei quantos ouvintes que iam usufruindo de hora e meia matinal de contacto com Portugal, através desse emissor da DW em Sines (depois de terem sido privados de várias horas devido à suspensão da Onda Curta da RDP).

As horas amargas que se seguirão ao "switch off" do emissor da DW em Sines só poderão ser vividas num profundo recolhimento a que a dor nos impelir. Um recolhimento que eu diria eterno, não fosse a necessidade de nos erguermos para este combate tão duro, em que milhares de pessoas estamos empenhadas para que liguem de novo os Emissores de Pégas! (via Manuel Jesus, Portugal, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. DW Sines (and Trincomalee). Wolfgang, Pro-Funk GmbH, formerly known as Rádio Trans-Europa, operates the Sines relay station, and had an office here in the capital plus a receiving station in Santana, near Sesimbra. One of the tasks at the office was to send the content of taped programs to Sesimbra via radio link.

Satellite use caused the Santana site to be redundant, and the site was handed over to the Portuguese authorities who later donated some or even all of the equipment to Portuguese speaking countries. I don't know the situation regarding the site itself. Maybe the building is still there, which is most probably the case.

Contrary to the RARET (operated RL/RFE) site at Glória do Ribatejo, which operated in land granted by the Portuguese government, the Sines station was installed in land bought by the company responsible for managing the site, and it is stipulated that, once the operation comes to an end, Portugal Telecom will have the so called right of preference when it comes to acquiring the whole site.

The Portuguese government also made Portugal Telecom to be in charge of the Glória do Ribatejo station, but PT sold it.

"Both home countries Portugal and Sri Lanka have billions debt and not willing to pay for excellent engineering plants of SW transmitter installation."

Apart from debt, what would then be the use of either Glória or Sines sites, an extension of the RDPI site when their own site, at São Gabriel, is more than enough for the current needs?

Why should Portugal buy or make use of the Sines relay? The only solution for keeping Sines running and thus safeguard the employees' jobs would be putting it into similar use, meaning Portugal Telecom would buy it and then lease the station, or in case PT declines the buy, Pro-Funk would sell it to another broadcaster. In either case, the sort of broadcasts and its origin would still need approval by the government. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, Oct 24, cc to gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RDPI via Sines... final days. Strangely, since the temporary halt of

their own HF broadcasts back in early June last, our RDPI has remained using HF albeit via the Pro-Funk-managed station at Sines, due to close on Saturday next together with sister station at Trincomalee, Ceylan.

Meanwhile, the future of the Sines site seems to remain uncertain.

Not a single reference on the broadcasts via Sines can be found in <http://www.rtp.pt> --- pretty much as if the administration feels afraid of publicising them since the 1st of June. The schedule was totally erased from the page, even though the reference to DRM and an explanation on reception reports are still to be seen (!).

While the 0645-0800 Mon-Fri broadcast on 11850 may have been of some use since then, the one on 0830-1000 Sat+Sun on 11995drm had surely no impact whatsoever, just like any other from other stations around the world that persist with silly idea of wasting taxpayers money by the use of DRM.

The closest station from us here, that used DRM, was RNE Arganda 1359. Fortunately, it's not heard for months, be it in AM, in DRM or in what I termed as "DRAM", i.e. an AM signal next to a DRM one. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, Oct 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

COMO SE PROMOVEM ESTUDOS DE AUDIENCIA EM PORTUGAL.

Caros amigos, Estes tempos que atravessamos de crise econômica em Portugal são verdadeiramente "espectaculares".

Na audiência que o Sr. Presidente do Concelho de administração da RTP, Exmo. Sr. Dr. Guilherme Costa, deu à Comissão de ...tica, Cidadania e Comunicação da Assembleia da República no Parlamento português, ficamos a saber que uma das mais baratas formas de se fazer um, quieto, "rigoroso estudo de audiência" às emissões da Rádio Difusão Portuguesa Internacional em Onda Curta, é pasme-se, suspender as emissões durante seis meses, e posteriormente segundo as reacções dos ex-ouvintes ponderar se valerá a pena reactivar o Centro Emissor de Onda Curta - CEOC de Pégies ou encerra-lo definitivamente.

Só mesmo deste autêntico e inigualável, Gênio da Gestão (deveria ser proposto o Prêmio Nobel da Economia), era possível tanto brilhante decisão.

Aliás, esta forma de proceder deveria de imediato ser ensinadas nas melhores escolas de gestão por esse mundo fora e ser aplicada a todo e qualquer serviço público. Por exemplo, quando uma empresa pública de distribuição de água tenha dívidas sobre o número real de consumidores, então suspenda-se o fornecimento de água durante pelo

menos seis meses e depois consoante o n'nero de reclamaÁies pondere-se se valer· a pena reactivar o sistema de abastecimento ou enterrar todos os que entretanto morraram de sede.

Podem aprender muito, escutando a "brilhante" intervenÁ,o do Sr. Presidente do CA da R·dio e Televis,,o de Portugal, Dr. Guilherme Costa, onde s,,o abordados mais alguns aspectos relevantes da audiÁ,o parlamentar em que foi debatida a suspens,,o das emissies em Onda Curta da RDP I, em:

http://mp3.rtp.pt/mp3/wavrss/at1/1594822_99441-1110191302.mp3

(Jo,,o Costa (CT1FBF), 25 October, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Prezado colega Radioescuta, Obrigado pelo seu e-email enviado ·s listas, para nosso conhecimento, do andamento do assunto da suspens,,o dos serviÁos de O. C. da RDPI para o Ultramar.

Lamento que Sua Ex.a o Dr. Guilherme, desconheÁa que a grande maioria dos ouvintes do Ultramar, n,,o tím acesso ao computador, nem · recepÁ,o via satÈlite, ou porque n,,o sabem mexir nele, ou pela sua idade, condiÁies econÛmicas, ou ainda porque n,,o È pr·tico para usar no carro, no quintal, na praÁa, no jardim, na praia, na excurs,,o, na serra, etc.

Eis o motivo porque a grande maioria n,,o se manifestou, portanto n,,o aparece nas estatÌsticas de Sua Ex.a. TambÈm me parece que Sua Ex.a nunca morou no Ultramar, portanto fala · tÙa, sem conhecimento de causa. TalvÌs a teoria díle possa ser utilizada pelas prÛmimas geraÁies, quem sabe? Um abraÁo (AntÛnio GonÁalves, Brasil, Oct 25, DXCB-228, ibid.)

** ROMANIA. Radio Romania Internazionale: decine di indirizzi e-mail di radioascoltori in chiaro [complaint about RRI using cc instead of bcc for Italian service mailing list]

Radio Romania Internazionale: le scuse e la segnalazione

Trovate tutto qui:

<http://tinyurl.com/657fnk3>

(e continuano a chiamarlo "radioascolto")

(Valerio di Stefano, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

E' una brutta abitudine, e non solo di Radio Romania Internazionale. L'ho segnalato pi` volte, e mi risulta di non essere stato il solo, evidentemente hanno poco rispetto per gli ascoltatori e poca padronanza del mezzo informatico (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, ibid.)

** RUSSIA. The Republic Of Sakha (Yakutia) / Buryatiya

On October 21, took "Radio of Russia-Sakha" with 0810 to 0900 on the

frequency of the 7230 KHz with a strong impediment from supposedly HP Xinjiang. On October 21, with 1010 until 1100 on the frequency 6195 kHz took "Radio of Russia Buryatia" with good quality.

Actually, "Radio of Russia-Sakha" - this is the local broadcasting. I just can't tell the full schedule, but the practice shows that the local GTRK there are three transmission of the day: in 6.10, 12.10 and 19.10 data on local time plus-minus one hour.

THE STATE broadcasting company "Sakha", it turns out, there is a website: <http://www.gtrksakha.ru/> But the schedule is not there. As soon as Yakutsk difference with the company now 10 hours, the morning programme should be expected in 2010 UT, day - in 0210 UT, and the evening I already registered in 0810 UT (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Receiver - "Aicom-8500", the antenna wire length 95 meters /"open_dx" via RusDX Oct 23 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 19/10/11, 31280, Golos Rossii, 2 x 15640 test tones then program, muddy audio even on fundamental, 1453 UT (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, England, Icom R9500 + CLP 5130 Log Periodic, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Plus many other utility logs Russia, Iran, USA, etc. 30-40 MHz A Moscow site, per HFCC. One way to escape the DRM co-channel 15640 from DW/BBC Sri Lanka (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Russia's new timezone layout from Oct 30: (in Russian)
http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A7%D0%B0%D1%81%D0%BE%D0%B2%D1%8B%D0%B5_%D0%BF%D0%BE%D1%8F%D1%81%D0%B0_%D0%A0%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%B8
(via Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia / ideneb-radio-dxî, via RusDX via DXLD)

Includes neat color-coded timezone map, showing boundaries are VERY jagged, and UT+5 zone is skipped, with UT+4 abutting UT+6:
http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A4%D0%B0%D0%B9%D0%BB:Map_of_Russia_-_Time_Zones_%28September_2011%29.svg

BTW, the B-11 HFCC shows the R. Rossii Pet/Kam 5930 as usual changes to 6075, but will still sign off at 1300 instead of 1400 UT as in past B-seasons. Will the CW station immediately following resume anyway at 1300-1301 on 6074? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also WORLD OF HOROLOGY: Belarus, Ukraine

** RUSSIA. THE INTERNET WILL SOUND THE BURYAT-MONGOLIAN RADIO

The buryat-Mongolian radio "Buryat FM" will start to work in the Internet. As have informed in the information center of the ministry

of culture of Buryatia, on a site of radio station you will find the buryat and the Mongolian folk songs, works of composers and singers working in different genres and directions - from folklore and folk to classical and pop music.

In the sections of the site will appear 1193 songs and more than 100 texts, as well as photos, information about the musicians and composers. The site has a multilingual interface. In addition to the buryat and the Mongolian songs on online radio can be listened to folk music of Tuva. Presentation of the radio will be held in Ulan-Ude on October 21. <http://baikal-media.ru>
(OnAir.ru via RusDX Oct 23 via DXLD)

** SAMOA AMERICAN. American Samoa mediumwave --- I had an email exchange this morning with Larry Fuss, the President of South Seas Broadcasting, the owner of mediumwave licenses WVUV 648 kHz, and KKJ 900 kHz on American Samoa, whilst trying to plan some working travel.

He informs me:

"We gave up on the AM operation. Finding a site for an AM tower with an adequate ground system is virtually impossible on a small island."

So that is another historic call sign (WVUV) that has apparently disappeared from the medium wavebands forever. 73 (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Oct 23, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. QSL: Radio Free Sarawak 17560 KHz - c/o Bruno Manser Fonds - Socinstrasse 37 - 4051 Basel - Svizzera con QSL in 8 giorni. Si 1 IRC (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli / Italia, Oct 25, shortwave yg via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Radio Riyadh, Holy Qur'an. 17615 Riyadh. Oct 15, 2011, Saturday. 1434-1440. Arabic. Koran. Fair signal strength, but much atmospheric QRN. To East Africa. Jo'burg sunset 1615 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17625, Oct 21 at 1342, BSKSA in Arabic with bad hum; I compared it to humless // 17615 on another receiver, and found the two were not precisely synchronized, making a reverby sound between them. Both are listed as Riyadh site, 190 degrees on 17615, and 100 on 17625 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [and non]. Serbia B-11 is now on web site.
http://glassrbije.org/E/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=21&Itemid=34
(Peter Hansen, Bethpage NY, Oct 26, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

Period: 1400 UTC 30 October 2011 to 1400 UTC 25 March 2012

Time(UTC)	Language	Zones of area	Target	kHz	kW
0100-0130	SERBIAN (Except Sunday)	7e,8 27	ECNAm/WEu	6190	250
0130-0200	ENGLISH (Except Sun and Mon)	7e,8 27	ECNAm/WEu	6190	250
0100-0200	SERBIAN (spec.) (Sunday only)	7e,8 27	ECNAm/WEu	6190	250
0130-0230	SERBIAN (spec.) (Monday only)	7e,8 27	ECNAm/WEu	6190	250
0200-0230	SERBIAN (spec.) (Tue-Sat)	7e,8 27	ECNAm/WEu	6190	250
1400-1430	ENGLISH	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1430-1500	SERBIAN	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1500-1530	SPANISH	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1530-1600	ARABIC	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1600-1630	RUSSIAN	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1630-1700	FRENCH	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1700-1730	GERMAN	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1730-1745	CHINESE	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1745-1800	ALBANIAN	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1800-1815	HUNGARIAN	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1815-1830	GREEK	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1830-1900	ITALIAN	27-29 37-39	EUROPE	9635	10
1900-1930	RUSSIAN	28ne,29,30n	RUSSIA	6100	250
1930-2000	ENGLISH	27,28w	EUROPE/w	6100	250
2000-2030	SPANISH	27,28w	EUROPE/w	6100	250
2030-2100	SERBIAN (Except Saturday)	27,28w	EUROPE/w	6100	250
2100-2130	GERMAN (Except Saturday)	27,28w	EUROPE/w	6100	250
2030-2130	SERBIAN (spec.) (Sat only)	27,28w	EUROPE/w	6100	250
2130-2200	FRANCH	27,28w	EUROPE/w	6100	250
2200-2230	ENGLISH	27,28w	EUROPE/w	6100	250

(reformatted by Glenn Hauser for DX LISTENING DIGEST) [English portion
on WORLD OF RADIO 1588]

** SEYCHELLES [non]. FEBA RADIO B11 30 October 2011 to 25 March 2012
Time UTC 1234567 Languages kHz band site

NORTH INDIA, NEPAL, TIBET

0000-0030	smtwtfs BANGLA rural	7485	41	TAC
0030-0045	s...w... HINDI	7485	41	TAC
0030-0045	.mt.... MIXED LANGUAGES	7485	41	TAC
0030-0045tfs BANGLA	7485	41	TAC
0045-0100	smtwtfs HINDI	7485	41	TAC
1200-1230	smtwtfs TIBETAN	15215	19	DHA
1430-1445	smtwtfs URDU	9650	31	DHA
1445-1500	...wtfs KASHMIRI	9650	31	DHA
1445-1500	smt.... MIXED LANGUAGES	9650	31	DHA
1500-1530	smtwtfs BANGLA rural	7485	41	TAC

PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN
0200-0230 s..... URDU

0200-0215 .mtwtfs URDU	7315 41 DHA
0215-0230 .mtwtfs MIXED LANGUAGES	7315 41 DHA
0230-0300 smtwtfs DARI	6125 49 DHA
0300-0315 smtwtfs MIXED LANGUAGES	6125 49 DHA
1400-1430 smtwtfs URDU	7230 41 NVS
1430-1500 smtwtfs MIXED LANGUAGES	7230 41 NVS
1500-1530 smtwtfs DARI	9400 31 ERV
1530-1600 smtwtfs PASHTO	9400 31 ERV

MIDDLE EAST

0800-0830 smtwtfs ARABIC	15220 19 MOS
1800-1930 smtwtfs ARABIC	9550 31 KIG

AFRICA, ETHIOPIA, SUDAN

1600-1630 ...tfs AMHARIC	12125 25 ERV
1600-1630 .mtw... GURAGENA	12125 25 ERV
1630-1700 smtwtfs AMHARIC	12125 25 ERV
1600-1630 smtwtfs ETHIOPIA	11875 25 KIG
1630-1700 smtw... TIGRINYA	9850 31 DHA
1630-1700tfs AMHARIC	9850 31 DHA
1700-1730 smtwtfs OROMINYA	9630 31 KIG [see below]
1730-1757 smtwtfs TIGRINYA	9630 31 KIG [see below]
1700-1730 smtwtfs SOMALI	6180 49 DHA
1730-1800 smtwtfs ETHIOPIA	7510 41 ERV
1830-1845 smtwtfs FRENCH (C+WAF)	15250 19 ASC
2145-2215 smt.tfs HASSINYA/PULAAR (WAF)	11985 25 ASC

Tx Site Codes :

ASC Ascension Island

DHA Dhabayya, UAE

ERV Yerevan Armenia

KIG Kigali Rwanda

MOS Moosbrunn Austria

NVS Novosibirsk Russia

TAC Tashkent Uzbekistan

Day 1 = Sunday (ITU Convention)

(As on 21 Oct 2011)

(Alokesha Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

ARMENIA/ASCENSION ISL/AUSTRIA/RUSSIA/RWANDA/UAE/UZBEKISTAN

FEBA RADIO B-11 schedule 30th Oct 2011 to 25th March 2012.

1700-1730 smtwtfs OROMINYA 9630 KIG rather 9595<<

1730-1757 smtwtfs TIGRINYA 9630 KIG rather 9595<<

(Wolfgang Bschel, DXLD)

Come on, FEBC, don't denigrate some languages as merely 'mixed'. EiBi and Aoki will probably break them out (gh, DXLD)

** SINGAPORE. QSL: 6140, Radio Australia English via Singapore. Full data (with site, power and azimuth) 'Radio Australia in touch with the World' QSL card for my March 17. 11 e-mail report to broadbent.roger @ abc.net.au Reply in 7 months time. v/s: Roger Broadbent (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINT MAARTEN [and non]. 18130-USB, Oct 25 at 0541, PJ7MF is giving 5&7 reports to numerous contacts including JA2IFF, also heard at 0542. QRZ.com shows:

PJ7MF

Marco Ferrante
Sint Maarten Island
IOTA NA-105
Saba, St Eustatius

Mentioning the other islands is only confusing, but presumably on StM.

He also worked W2ASS, pronounced alfa-sierra-sierra, a call I found questionable, but the contact was straight-faced. No, it's for real per ARRL/FCC lookup:

DIAZ, RAFAEL A, W2ASS
7914 EUGENE DR
PORT RICHEY, FL 34668

Previous call sign: KB2MYM

I daresay IDs by fonetix only are mandatory, not optional. ``17m`` was really hopping with signals in the nightmiddle after CME (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. 11740, 17/10 1905, Radio Damal, via Woofferton UK to Somalia, talks in Somali mentioning Somalia, nice music, very good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 baloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Mixing product missing. 1295 Meyerton. Oct 20, 2011, Thursday. 1849-1900 Despite a very good Zimbabwe Community Radio (4895 kHz) and an excellent BBC WS (6190 kHz), both via Meyerton, there is no sign of the mystery BBC WS mixing product on 1295 kHz (previously reported), even with the same Sony ICF2001D and long-wire combination. Maybe it really was coming from Meyerton, rather than being produced in the Sony. Perhaps limited to a specific combination of two particular transmitters, I assume they would be using the same antennas? Jo'burg sunset 1618 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [and non]. 11880, REE via COSTA RICA, Sunday Oct 23 at 1346, ``Help`` by Beatles, into multilingual program ID including English 'The Asian Hour', on to financial news in Castilian about China, over music bed similar to VTC loop (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

REE carried football live coverage on 15585 kHz at 1530 UT Oct 23 [Sunday] and broadband sound splash, still spurious on 15558 to 15618 kHz range! (Wolfgang Bischel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

REE, 9665 x 2 --- Strong signal from Radio Exterior de España on 19330 kHz, the second harmonic of their program on 9665 kHz (also heard). Soccer game going on now at 1830 UT Sunday Oct 23. Very easy to receive here in New Hampshire. -- All rights reversed (Rik van Riel, NH, Oct 23, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. DW Trincomalee also closes down on 29/30 Oct 2011.
DW TRINCOMALEE A11 (BY TIME)

FREQ	STATION	UTC	DAYS	Language	Pow	Azi
1548	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0000-0100	1234567	German	400	35
9885	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0000-0100	1234567	English	250	90
13780	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0000-0100	1234567	English	250	45
6165	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0000-0200	1234567	German	250	15
1548	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0300-0400	1234567	English	400	35
12005	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0300-0400	1234567	English	250	15
15400	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0300-0400	1234567	Swahili	250	255
15400	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0300-0400	1234567	Swahili	250	255
15400	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0400-0500	1234567	English	250	270
17820	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0400-0500	1234567	German	250	270
17780	DEUTSCHE WELLE(DRM)	0500-0600	1234567	English	90	45
21780	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0530-0600	1234567	Portuguese	250	240
17820	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0800-0830	1234567	Pashto	250	335
17860	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0800-0900	1234567	German	250	120
17820	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0830-0900	1234567	Dari	250	335
15275	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0900-1000	1234567	English	250	45
17820	DEUTSCHE WELLE	0900-1000	1234567	English	250	45
15650	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1000-1100	1234567	German	250	120
17780	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1000-1100	1234567	German	250	75
11770	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1200-1258	1234567	Indonesian	250	120
15105	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1200-1258	1234567	Indonesian	250	105
1548	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1200-1300	1234567	German	400	35
12000	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1200-1300	1234567	German	250	345
13735	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1300-1358	1234567	Chinese	250	60
15620	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1300-1358	1234567	Chinese	250	45
13840	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1330-1400	1234567	Dari	250	335
1548	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1400-1430	1234567	German	400	35
13840	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1400-1430	1234567	Pashto	250	335
9800	R.NEDERLAND	1400-1457	1234567	English	250	345
15640	BBC-DEUTSCHE WELLE(DRM)	1400-1500	1234567	English	90	5
1548	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1430-1500	1234567	Urdu	400	35
13840	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1430-1500	1234567	Urdu	250	335
21840	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1500-1558	1234567	Swahili	250	240

15640	BBC-DEUTSCHE WELLE(DRM)	1500-1600	1234567	English	90	5
1548	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1530-1600	1234567	Bengali	400	35
6170	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1600-1658	1234567	English	250	15
1548	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1600-1700	1234567	English	400	35
15640	DEUTSCHE WELLE(DRM)	1600-1700	1234567	English	90	5
9445	R.NEDERLAND	1700-1727	1234567	Dutch	250	300
1548	DEUTSCHE WELLE(DRM)	1700-1800	1234567	English	100	35
15640	DEUTSCHE WELLE(DRM)	1700-1800	1234567	English	90	5
9735	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1900-1930	1234567	English	250	270
15640	DEUTSCHE WELLE	1930-2000	1234567	Portuguese	250	225
7330	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2000-2200	1234567	German	250	120
5955	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2200-2300	1234567	Indonesian	250	120
9765	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2200-2300	1234567	German	250	105
11965	DEUTSCHE WELLE	2300-2400	1234567	Chinese	250	45

(via Alokesha Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, dxldyg via WORLD OF
RADIO 1588, Reformatted by Glenn Hauser for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 7189.75, SLBC, 0027-0040, tune-in to Hindi vocals. Hindi talk and local subcontinental music at 0030. Weak. Poor with ham splatter. Better on // 11905. Oct 22 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

11905, Radio Sri Lanka, 0050 Hindi songs, 0103 woman with ID, followed by orchestral music and then more Hindi vocals. Fair-good, //7190 very poor through ham QRM. 10/22/11 (Sellers-BC)

15745, Radio Sri Lanka, 0124 tone on carrier, 0125:30 drumming, 0126 national anthem by chorus, then more drumming and chorus with another song, 0130 time pips, man with English ID, frequencies and other announcements, too weak to understand. Very poor. 10/22/11 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. QSL: 15210, Family Radio via SLBC, Colombo-Ekala site. With the help and assistance of Victor Goonetilleke, was able to get a verification response to my report. Initially, I sent an e-mail report (back in March) out to Victor. After waiting for some time period, after several e-mail's, he was able to get the card posted out on Oct. 10, which I received ten days later. This took 7 months, but alias [sic] it was worth it and a _SPECIAL THANKS_ goes out to Victor for his assistance and endeavor in getting my report verified (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ?? so who verified it, someone at SLBC if not FR? (gh, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 11830, 17/10 1901, VOA Darfur, via Botswana, talks like reports, mentions of Darfur, in Arabic, fair //9800 fair & 9600 very good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical

& 1:32 baloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. via UKRAINE. 11560, Miraya 101 FM - Radio Miraya, 0310-0420, local Afro-pop music. Arabic talk. Into English at 0331 with ID and English news interview program. Program about education in Sudan. Michael Jackson's Billy Jean song. English news at 0400. Miraya jingles. IDs as Miraya 101 FM and Radio Miraya. Into Arabic at 0411. Poor to fair. English difficult to understand due to accents. Oct 22 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SWEDEN. SAQ transmissions on United Nations Day Oct, 24th 2011
EXTRA GRIMETON RADIO/SAQ TRANSMISSIONS

There will be two extra transmissions with the Alexanderson alternator on 17.2 kHz because of the United Nations day, Monday October 24, 2011.

The first transmission is a special transmission from young students in Sweden and will start up tuning at about 1010 UT and with a message at 1030.

The second transmission will start up tuning at 1730 UT and a message at 1800.

We do not require any QSL-reports on these transmissions and will not verify.

The traditional Christmas transmission will take place on December 24, 2011 at 0800 UT. Regards SM6NM/Lars (Lars Källand) (via Mike Terry, Oct 21, dxldyg via DXLD) See also RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

** SYRIA. 9330, 18/10 2213, Radio Damascus, Syria, reports in Spanish, low modulation, in LSB to avoid WBCQ The Planet (USA) that modulates only upper side of the carrier. Fair signal but overall poor (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 baloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 9745, 14/10 2104, Voice of Han (presumed), Taiwan, Chinese, talks, fair, better in LSB because Radio Bahrain [q.v.] is co-channel broadcasting, but they modulate only upper side of the carrier, so in LSB I get no interference (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 baloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 14970, Oct 23 at 1320 surprised to find W&M conversing in Chinese past 1327, no Firedrake for a change, so presumed Sound of Hope unimpeded; no ID heard. A couple times a very big carrier swept across 14970, suspected FD about to pounce, but did not. At 1328 also on 14700 without FD, both too weak to tell if parallel. Recheck at 1342, both gone, and still no FD. Firedrake however already was running at 1327 on 15900, 1329 on 16100, 1331 on 15545; see CHINA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12180 PUZZLE, probably SOH Wang Zhi Sheng in Chinese via Dushanbe Yangi Yul, S=8-9, NOT JAMMED (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST) In reply to above item, but no time (gh)

7970, Sound of Hope, 1223, Oct 25. I continue to find them in the clear and giving their normal ID of spelling out "w-w-w-s-o-u-n-d-o-f-h-o-p-e-o-r-gî then saying iSound of Hopeî in English with religious music and singing in the background (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 9960, Oct 26 at 1355, surprised to hear VTC/BaBcoCk fill music loop, but shortly to Vietnamese announcement. Not in original Babcock A-11 schedule or HFCC, but Aoki shows Family Radio at 13-14 on 9960, 100 kW, 267 degrees via Tainan. I guess this is routed thru BaBcoCk, like some other Taiwan relays such as 9950, Furusato no Kaze at same time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGESET)

** TAJIKISTAN. 11500, Oct 23 at 1257 and 1316, open carrier plus hum, no Firedrake audible which is often on this frequency. The OC presumably comes from the scheduled 500 kW, 155 degree Dushanbe relay of Voice of Russia to S Asia at 12-15 in English/Hindi/English, which on rare occasions produces some modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11499.967/11500 --- At 1405 UT Oct 23 heard an interference {?33 Hertz} BUZZ tone of two outlets, but audio very low under threshold, program content couldn't be recognized.

11500.000 When checked again at 1530 UT an UNID MUCH STRONGER 1000 Hertz signal was heard, and also still on air at 1712 UT, undoubtedly from different tx location. S=9+15dBm at least noted in Europe. 73 (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. Radio Thailand B-11 schedule til March 25, 2012

0000-0030 English	13745 US-East *Live
0030-0100 English	13745 US-West *Live
0100-0200 Thai	13745 US-West

0200-0230	English	15275	US-East
0230-0330	Thai	15275	US-East
0530-0600	English	12015	Eastern Europe/Russia *Live
1000-1100	Thai	12040	MLA/INS/PAC/SoEaAS additional <<<<
1000-1100	Thai	17630	Middle East
1030-1100	Thai	1575	SoEaAS
1100-1130	Thai	1575	SoEaAS Mon-Fri only
1100-1115	Vietnamese	7255	Asia-Pacific
1115-1130	Khmer	7255	Asia-Pacific
1130-1145	Lao	7235	Asia-Pacific
1145-1200	Burmese	7235	Asia-Pacific
1200-1230	Thai	1575	SoEaAS Mon-Fri only
1200-1215	Malaysian	11870	Asia-Pacific
1230-1300	English	9720	Asia-Pacific
1300-1315	Japanese	7465	Asia-Pacific
1315-1330	Mandarin	7465	Asia-Pacific
1330-1400	Thai	7465	Asia-Pacific
1400-1430	English	9725	Asia-Pacific
1800-1900	Thai	9680	Europe
1900-2000	English	9680	Europe
2000-2015	German	9535	Europe
2030-2045	English	9535	Europe
2045-2115	Thai	9535	Europe
2230-2400	Thai	1575	SoEaAS Sun-Thur only

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 Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 17, English portion on WORLD
 OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: Radio Thailand World Service, 7570, f/d Waterfall card in 477 days. Initial report in English via airmail with US \$2.00, and follow-up in English via registered mail 3 IRCs. Card received 30 days after follow-up. No V/s. Another victim of APO Kandahar. Station heard on Kandahar Airfield (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Oct 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. 15450, Oct 23 at 1259 tuned across VOT in Firedrake search, noted better signal than usual; it was not until 1330 that I heard news of a 7.2 earthquake somewhere in Turkey, so Emiler site must have survived. Will VOT bring us breaking news of this later today? Try 1630 on 15520, 1830 on 9785, 2030 on 7205, 2200 on 9830, 0300 on 9515, 6165.

15520 doesn't make it here, but VOT-East webcast at 1635 does have news of Red Crescent relief vs quake around Van (VOT-World webcast is

in Spanish). Up to thousand dead estimated by Kandilli observatory. Rescue efforts. 15 countries have offered aid. 1644, 'From Our Own Correspondents Overseas', new show? Starting with Sydney, then London. Anchored by Sheref who is still/again with VOT.

Wolfgang B,schel, WWDXC, provides the B-11 schedule including English:

5960 2300-2400 EMR 500 310 ENGLISH NoAM/NoWeEUR
6050 1930-2030 EMR 250 290 ENGLISH EUR/NoAM
7240 0400-0500 EMR 500 138 ENGLISH AS
9610 2130-2230 EMR 500 105 ENGLISH AS/AUS
9655 0400-0500 EMR 500 335 ENGLISH AMs/EUR
11735 1730-1830?EMR 500 105 ENGLISH NE/AS (ex 1330-1430 [sic])
[this broadcast has been at 1630 on 15520, tho the 1230 announcers keep announcing it as ``1330''. 1730 would be expected unDST shift]
12035 1330-1430 EMR 500 290 ENGLISH EUR/NoAM
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Winter B-11 schedule of Voice of Turkey. Shortwave Broadcasting Schedule of VOICE OF TURKEY Radio between 30.10.2011 - 25.03.2012.

kHz	UTC	tx	kW	deg	language	target
5960	2300-2400	EMR	500	310	ENGLISH	NoAM/NoWeEUR
5965	1630-1730	EMR	500	90	AZERBAIJANI	AS
5970	2030-2130	EMR	500	290	FRENCH	EUR
5980	1700-2200	EMR	250	310	TURKISH	EUR
6000	0100-0300	EMR	500	72	TURKISH	AS
6050	1930-2030	EMR	250	290	ENGLISH	EUR/NoAM
6050	2030-2130	EMR	500	247	FRENCH	AF/EUR
6120	1700-2200	EMR	500	150	TURKISH	AF/AS
6185	1500-1530	EMR	500	290	ITALIAN	EUR
7205	1830-1930	EMR	250	310	GERMAN	EUR/NoAM
7240	0400-0500	EMR	500	138	ENGLISH	AS
7245	1200-1230	EMR	250	290	BULGARIAN	EUR
9410	0200-0300	EMR	500	252	SPANISH	Ce/SoAM/SoEUR
9410	1400-1500	EMR	250	20	RUSSIAN	AS/EUR
9465	0300-0400	EMR	500	72	UYGHUR	AS
9495	1730-1830	EMR	250	270	SPANISH	AF/EUR
9530	1600-1700	EMR	500	105	PERSIAN	AS
9610	2130-2230	EMR	500	105	ENGLISH	AS/AUS
9650	0200-0300	EMR	500	290	SPANISH	AF/AMs/SoEUR
9655	0400-0500	EMR	500	335	ENGLISH	AMs/EUR
9665	1500-1600	EMR	250	150	ARABIC	AF/AS
9700	0500-0700	EMR	500	310	TURKISH	EUR/NoAM
9785	1430-1500	EMR	500	62	KAZAKH	AS
9820	0500-0700	EMR	250	138	TURKISH	AS
9840	1100-1200	EMR	250	72	GEORGIAN	AS
11680	1600-1730	EMR	250	92	DARI-PUSHTO	AS

11735 1730-1830?EMR 500 105 ENGLISH NE/AS(ex1330-1430) [ex 1630 gh]
11795 0930-1100 EMR 500 105 PERSIAN AS
11805 1200-1300 EMR 500 72 CHINESE AS/FE
11815 1400-1700 EMR 250 300 TURKISH EUR/NoAM
11835 0800-0900 EMR 250 72 AZERBAIJANI AS
11925 0700-1000 EMR 500 97 TURKISH AS
11955 1930-2030?EMR 500 210 ARABIC AF/NE(ex1000-1100)
11965 1300-1330 EMR 250 72 TURKMEN AS/ME
11985 1300-1400 EMR 500 92 URDU AS
12035 1330-1430 EMR 500 290 ENGLISH EUR/NoAM
13625 1130-1200 EMR 500 72 UZBEK AS
13685 1330-1430 EMR 500 72 UYGHUR AS
15200 1500-1600 EMR 500 252 ARABIC AF/SoEUR
15245 1000-1100 EMR 500 150 ARABIC AF/AS
15350 0700-1400 EMR 500 310 TURKISH EUR/NoAM
15360 1100-1130 EMR 500 32 TATAR CeAS
15480 0700-1300 EMR 500 120 TURKISH NE/AF
17755 1230-1330 EMR 500 310 GERMAN EUR

(TRT Ankara, transformed to freq sorted form file by WWDXC Germany,
via wb wwdx BC-DX TopNews Oct 17, via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4750, Dunamis BC, Mukono, 1722-1745, 22/10, African pops;
35332, deteriorating. Nice signal for the power they have, only
disturbed by too much noise. 73 (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. 4975.986, UBC Radio, 0331 Oct 25, Noted a program where the
announcer was taking telephone calls from listeners, all in English.
Mentioned that it was morning when answering the phone, "Good morning
..." After one or two phone calls, rap music is heard. Signal was fair
(Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, 26N 081W, Excalibur SDR, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

[and non]. 4975, 17/10 1721, Voice of Russia, Dushambe, Tajikistan,
English broadcast, fair, no signal from UBC Uganda on 4976

4976, 18/10 1747, UBC, Kampala, Uganda, talks, poor/fair, QRM from
4975 and other noise. Much better at 1830. On air again (Giampiero
Bernardini, Milano, Italia, My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/>
RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip
(7 meters vertical & 1:32 balun), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra
(Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** UGANDA [non]. via FRANCE. 15410, Radio YiAbaganda, *1700-1715*,
sign on with local African music. Choral anthem at 1701. Talk in
listed Swahili at 1705. Many mentions of Uganda. Abruptly pulled plug
mid-sentence at 1715. Good. Saturday only. Oct 22 (Brian Alexander,

Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non?]. 17795, Sunday Oct 23 at 1333, VTC/BaBcoCk music loop,
also with some noise. Nothing scheduled, but maybe another training
test from Rampisham?

17695, Oct 24 at 1343, BBCWS disclaimer loop, ``no programming
available at this time, see bbcworldservice.com`` but I am not going
to waste my time hunting for any explanation at that site! There
better not be any such programming, as per HFCC, 17695 is scheduled
1330-1600 for IBB Biblis, tho Aoki says R. Farda Lampertheim.

Loop ended around 1344, and then hearing S Asian song synchronized
with // 17755 which is also listed as R. Farda, Biblis in Aoki;
Lampertheim in probably more current HFCC. 17695 still heard with ME
pop music at 1453. Maybe BBC was running over from its only scheduled
17695 broadcast, 1300-1330 Uzbek via CYPRUS which of course is also
jammed by the ChiCom (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. RADIO 4 CONTROLLER REASSURES LISTENERS OVER STATION'S FUTURE
The Guardian By Maggie Brown 21 October 2011

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/oct/21/radio-4-controller-reassures-future?newsfeed=true>

Reports of the death of BBC Radio 4's long wave broadcasts may be a
little premature, it seems. They could continue for at least another
ten years, according to Radio 4 controller Gwyneth Williams.

Williams told the Church and Media forum on Thursday that the BBC's
recent announcement that Radio 4 LW was to be axed "signalled the
beginning of the move away from it", adding that a lot could happen in
a decade.

"It is not something I am gagging to shut down," she told the
gathering of clergy and media experts in London.

Williams was pressed by several delegates about the future of The
Daily Service, the 80-year-old act of worship which is broadcast on
weekday mornings on Radio 4 long wave, when the service splits into FM
and LW options.

She added that Radio 4 LW was also the home of Test Match Special
cricket coverage and Yesterday in Parliament, indicating that along
with The Daily Service, all three programmes had powerful vested
interest groups to defend them.

Williams also reassured the conference that Thought for the Day would

remain as a spiritual pause during Radio 4's Today programme. There were no plans to widen the choice of speakers beyond those with a spiritual background.

On the issue of the cuts to BBC services, she confirmed to the forum's organiser, Andrew Graystone, that Radio 4 would be protected. "We are very grateful for that. But we still have to make a contribution," she said.

Radio 4's overall cuts will be between 4%-5%, compared with the 20% overall demanded, and Williams had asked the station's BBC in-house programme suppliers to save 3% over the next five years.

Radio 4's administration centre — including schedulers and continuity announcers — was going to take a 13% cut and digital station Radio 4 Extra would reduce its commissioning budget by a quarter.

"But on-air, the changes to Radio 4 will be very slight; there will be no real programme changes. The 3% in-house cut will not impact the schedule; we will not salami slice," Williams said.

She said she was concerned to modify the commissioning system, to take advantage on a weekly basis of good ideas as they arise, to continue introducing more discussion about science into the schedule, to balance the cultural output, and a focus on more international and foreign affairs coverage (via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

1 Comment on iRadio 4 longwave could be alive for another decade
#1 Philip Knighton on Oct 24th, 2011 at 14:14

The debate of Radio 4 and the longwave transmitter should include the wider picture of emergency communications in crisis situations.

Although less and less [sic] listeners have long wave access through the design of their receivers, it is undeniably useful to have a signal which can be received with basic technology nationally and a little beyond. Of course it would be easy to target such a station but I would be inclined to think long and hard before allowing our long wave frequency to lapse. Let us think beyond financial guidelines and short term goals and planning -far too many skills and facilities have been lost recently because of such considerations (MN blog comment via DXLD)

** U K. UNIONS TO BALLOT MEMBERS AT THE BBC ON STRIKE ACTION

Britain's National Union of Journalists (NUJ) has written to all members at the BBC informing them of the BBC's intention to press full steam ahead with redundancies and cuts to services, and management's refusal to lift deadlines for the imposition of significant changes to terms and conditions. The NUJ — together with sister unions Bectu and

Unite ñ says it will now ballot all members across the BBC on possible strike action.

Following negotiations on Friday, the joint unions tabled proposals to ensure that the consultation process was conducted in a meaningful and transparent way. According to the NUJ, the BBC has rejected these demands and signalled that it intends to drive ahead with its planned schedule of cuts and what the NUJ calls its unreasonable timetablei.

The BBC has not so far issued a direct response. However, its media correspondent Torin Douglas says on its website that if the ballot of members of the three main unions return a yes vote, then a strike could take place as soon as the beginning of December.i (Sources: NUJ, BBC)(October 26th, 2011 - 12:25 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Germany. Voice of America relay. 17670 Lampertheim. Oct 15, 2011, Saturday. 1414-1434. Tibetan. OM and YL's talking and laughing. Time pips at 1430 but I couldn't make out the ID. Weak signal, noisy, quite fadey, but it would probably have been readable to someone who understood the language. Jamming does not seem to have affected the Germany - SA route, certainly no Firedrake or echo. But transit through the tropics has taken its toll. Or was it all really CNR1? To South Asia. Jo'burg sunset 1615 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. Voice of America - B-11 schedule, adapted from previous winter season B-10 file. Frequencies in effect 30 Oct 2011 through 25 Mar 2012)

Afaan Oromoo
1730-1800 9320 9485 9860 11675 11905 Mon-Fri

Albanian
0600-0630 5945
1700-1730 7235
1930-2000 7235

Amharic
1530-1600 1431 Mon-Fri
1800-1900 9320 9485 9860 11675 11905

Azerbaijani
1830-1900 6040 7315 9495

Bangla
1600-1700 1575 7405 9915

Burmese

0000-0030 1575 7430 9325 12120
0130-0300 12120 15115 17780
1130-1230 11965 15555 17850
1430-1500 1575 9325 11965 12120
1500-1530 9325 11965 12120
1500-1530 1575 Sat-Sun
1530-1600 1575 9355 11560
1600-1630 9355 11560
2300-0000 7430 9325 12120

Cantonese

1300-1500 1170 7390 9705

Chinese (Mandarin)

0000-0100 7495 9545 11925 15125 15385 17645
0900-1000 9845 11720 11855 12120 13650 13765 15670
21590
1000-1100 9530 9845 11720 12120 13650 13765 15670
21590
1100-1200 9530 9825 11720 12045 13650 15670
1200-1300 6045 9530 9825 11635 12045 15110
1300-1400 6045 7295 7525 9530 9825 11635 12045
1400-1500 6105 7295 7525 9390 9785 9825
2200-2300 6045 7440 9545 9755 9875 11925

Croatian

0530-0600 5945
1930-1945 6135 7510

Dari (Radio Ashna)

0130-0230 1296 7560 9335
1530-1630 1296 9770 9975 12140
1730-1830 1296 5780 7560 9440
1930-2030 1296 5780 7560

Deewa Radio (Pashto)

0100-0400 621 9370 9380 11895
1300-1500 621 7455 7495 9370 9565
1500-1900 621 5835 7455 7495 9370

English to Europe, Middle East, and North Africa

0100-0130 1593
0130-0200 1593 Tue-Sat
1500-1600 11840 13570
1900-2000 7480 9590
2000-2100 7470 9480 9490 Mon-Fri

English to Africa

0300-0400 909 1530 4930 6080 9885 15580
0400-0430 909 1530 4930 4960 6080 9885 15580
0430-0500 909 4930 4960 6080 9885 15580
0500-0600 909 4930 6080 9885 15580
0600-0700 909 1530 6080 9885 15580
1400-1500 4930 6080 15580 17650 17715
1500-1600 4930 6080 15580 17715 17895
1600-1700 909 1530 4930 6080 15580 17895
1700-1800 6080 13635 15580 17895
1800-1830 6080 13635 15580
1800-1830 909 4930 Sat-Sun
1830-1900 909 4930 6080 13635 15580
1900-2000 909 4930 4940 6080 15580
2000-2030 909 1530 4930 4940 6080 15580
2030-2100 909 1530 4930 6080 15580
2030-2100 4940 Sat-Sun
2100-2200 1530 6080 15580

English to Sudan

1630-1700 9790 11905 13635 Mon-Fri

English to Zimbabwe

1800-1830 4930 Mon-Fri

English to Afghanistan

0000-0030 1296 7560
2030-0000 1296 7560

English to Far East Asia, South Asia, and Oceania

0030-0100 1575 6170 9325 9490 9715 11695 11730 15185 15205 15290
0100-0200 7325 9435 11705
1100-1200 1575 Sat-Sun
1200-1300 1170 7575 9640 11700 11750 12150
1300-1400 7575 9640 9760 11700 12150 Sat-Sun
1400-1500 7575 9760 12150 Mon-Fri
1500-1600 7575 9930 12150
2200-2300 5840 7365 7425 7570 11860 Sun-Thu
2230-0000 1575 Fri-Sat
2230-2300 5810 7545 9570
2300-0000 5840 5895 7365 7460 7480 7570 9490 11840 11860

English-Special

0000-0030 1593
0030-0100 1575 1593 6170 9325 9490 9715 11695 11730 12005 15185 15205
15290
0130-0200 1593 5960 7465 Tue-Sat
1500-1600 6140 7465 7520 9760 9945

1600-1700 9395 13600 15470
1600-1700 1170 Mon-Fri
1900-2000 7480 9590
2230-2300 5810 7545 9570

French to Africa
0530-0600 1530 4960 6020 9480 12060 Mon-Fri
0600-0630 4960 6020 9480 12060 Mon-Fri
1100-1130 11915 13735 15620 17850 Sat only
1830-1900 1530 15225 15620
1900-2000 1530 12080 15225
2000-2030 9780 9815 12080 15225 15620
2030-2100 9775 9815 12080 15225 Sat-Sun
2100-2130 9435 9680 9780 9815 Mon-Fri

Georgian New Hours
1600-1700 7390 11840

Hausa
0500-0530 1530 4960 6020 6035
0700-0730 4960 12070 13780 17680
1500-1530 9780 11860 17650
2030-2100 4940 6035 9780 11860 11885 Mon-Fri

Khmer
1330-1430 1575 9325 11965
2200-2230 1575 6060 7260 9435

Kinyarwanda/Kirundi
0330-0430 7340 9400 9540
1600-1630 11750 12010 15730 Sat

Korean
1200-1500 1188 5890 7235 9555
1900-2100 648 5835 6060 7420

Kurdish
0500-0600 7390 9690 9760
1400-1500 1593 11840 13580 15265
1700-1800 7480 9655 11820
2000-2100 1593

Laotian
1230-1300 1575 9810 11965

Mandarin (Chinese)
0000-0100 7495 9545 11925 15125 15385 17645
0900-1000 9845 11720 11855 12120 13650 13765 15670

21590
1000-1100 9530 9845 11720 12120 13650 13765 15670
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1100-1200 9530 9825 11720 12045 13650 15670
1200-1300 6045 9530 9825 11635 12045 15110
1300-1400 6045 7295 7525 9530 9825 11635 12045
1400-1500 6105 7295 7525 9390 9785 9825
2200-2300 6045 7440 9545 9755 9875 11925

Pashto (Radio Ashna)
0030-0130 1296 5925 7560
1430-1530 1296 9335 12140 13835
1630-1730 1296 9770 9975 12140
1830-1930 1296 5780 7560

Pashto (Deewa Radio)
0100-0400 621 9370 9380 11895
1300-1500 621 7455 7495 9370 9565
1500-1900 621 5835 7455 7495 9370

Pashto (Mashaal Radio)
0400-0500 621 12130 13580 15760
0500-1300 621 12130 13580 15760

Persian
0230-0330 7265 9440 9495

Portuguese to Africa
1000-1030 11915 17850 Sat-Sun
1630-1700 9880 15670 17650 Fri only
1700-1800 1530 9880 15670 17650
1800-1830 1530 9880 15670 17650 Mon-Fri

Somali
0330-0400 9845 11780 15620
1300-1400 13580 15620
1600-1630 1431 13580 15620
1630-1800 13580 15620

Spanish [summer 1hr earlier]
0030-0200 5890 9885 12000 Tue-Sat
1300-1400 9885 13750 15590

Sudanese English
1630-1700 9790 11905 13635 Mon-Fri

Swahili
1630-1730 13740 15265 15730

Tibetan

0000-0100 5980 7255 9645
0300-0600 15560 17860 21570
1400-1500 7255 7280 9315 9670
1600-1700 7530 7560 11920

Tigrigna

1900-1930 9320 9485 9860 11675 11905 Mon-Fri

Urdu (Radio Aap ki Dunyaa)

0000-0100 972 1539
0100-0200 972 1539 9520 12020
1400-1500 972 1539 7480 11675
1500-2400 972 1539

Uzbek

1500-1530 801 5930 6105 9570 13785

Vietnamese

1300-1330 1575
1500-1600 1170

Zimbabwe Shon/Ndebele/Eng

1700-1800 909 4930 12080 15775
1800-1900 909 12080 15775 Mon-Fri
(VOA, via William Hague-UK, NWDXC Oct 19 via DXLD)

Seems we haven't heard anything further about Greenville shutting down; suppose it survives as long as Radio Martí does? (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. A-11 + B-11 of Radio SAWA

New time of Radio Sawa in Arabic on short waves from Oct. 17:
1200-1700, ex 0800-1600

1200-1300 on 15780 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1200-1300 on 17840 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1300-1430 on 13690 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1300-1430 on 17530 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1430-1500 on 17530 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1430-1500 on 17785 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg
1500-1600 on 17540 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1500-1600 on 17785 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg
1600-1700 on 11780 BIB 100 kW / 126 deg
1600-1700 on 17535 GB 250 kW / 055 deg

But from Oct. 21 all transmissions on short waves were stopped!

Tentative B-11 of Radio Sawa from Oct. 30:

1200-1300 on 15770 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1200-1300 on 17840 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1300-1330 on 15770 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1300-1330 on 17880 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1330-1500 on 11880 BIB 100 kW / 126 deg
1330-1500 on 17880 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1500-1530 on 11780 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1500-1530 on 11880 BIB 100 kW / 126 deg
1530-1600 on 11780 KWT 250 kW / 285 deg
1530-1600 on 17515 GB 250 kW / 055 deg
1600-1700 on 9760 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg
1600-1700 on 17515 GB 250 kW / 055 deg 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria,
Oct 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Q`Daffy dead = who needs R. Sawa any more? (gh, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, "Alhurra and Radio Sawa provided extensive coverage of the Tunisian elections on Sunday, Oct. 23rd as Tunisians went to the polls for the first election since the Jasmine Revolution. The networks were live from Tunisia when voters turned out to decide on a new constitutional assembly On Oct. 23rd, Radio Sawa expanded its morning newscasts to 15 minutes each. During the day, Radio Sawa's correspondent in Tunisia went to the three main polling centers in Tunis and in the suburbs to get voter reaction and expectations for the future of Tunisia. . . ."

With the full October 24 story at:

<http://www.bbg.gov/pressroom/press-releases/Alhurra-and-Radio-Sawa-Provide-Extensive-Coverage-of-the-Tunisian-Elections.html>
(Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I of course meant 'Sawa dead on *shortwave*', since SW was only revived due to the Arab Spring, Libyan uprising. But we'll see if the planned B-11 schedule eventuate (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

** U S A. 23860, Oct 24 at 1858, R. Martí harmonic 2 x 11930 from Greenville is still audible and readable, escaping DentroCuban jamming on the fundamental [see earlier Oct 24 log report under CUBA non]. And still at 2000 talking about human rights declaration. Span of 11930 is currently 14-24, to become 13-22 in B-11. I again stepped thru the entire 23-25 MHz range but no more harmonics found, nor where RM could also appear, 19130; and 27640 bore a freebander in SSB.

Meanwhile the new WRMI 9955 relay of R. Martí was inaudible under

jamming but at 2240 'Cuba al Día' confirmed on WRMI webcast, and it's not // live Martí (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CUBA [non]

** U S A. I am finally hearing some activity in the upper portion of the 28 MHz ham band: On 29540-NBFM, VG signal slope-tuned at 29538 for distorted readability on AM, Oct 24 at 1919, NU60, Joe in California concluded contact with K3ORH, immediately on to another contact.

29010, Oct 24 at 1922, VG signal on AM from WA3GHM in Levittown PA, with WB5YBZ which I could not hear (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) More 10m: see CUBA [and non]

** U S A. 33420 NFM, Sammamish Advisory Radio. WQJW 913, Oct 20 2000, Sammamish, WA TIS feeder for 540 AM transmission. Looping recorded message. Emergency and traffic information. Full quieting in Nashville TN (David Hodgson, TN, harmonics [sic] yg via DXLD)

Hi David, great to hear from you, the F2 has bought the old gang out of the woodwork! I've forwarded your post to VHFskipelist. I've been hearing the Orlando weather station on 33420 the last few days (Tim Bucknall, UK, ibid.)

** U S A. 9330-CUSB, Oct 23 at 1313, ID for Radio 2-11, offering QSL for SW or internet reports, Orangeville, Ont. address. Claims ``50,000 watts of Amplitude Modulation on WBCQ 9330''. Rod Hembree has made a very strange choice of frequency to promote as ``AM'', since 9330 really has reduced carrier, plus upper sideband, not LSB, and how you calculate the real power is open to question when SSB is involved, but probably less than 50 kW. However, it's always the strongest of the four WBCQ frequencies here, unfortunately for those of us who would like good reception of the secular programming on 7415 (now 7490) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. Glenn, WBCQ has notified me that the FCC has given them until Monday, October 24, 2011, to vacate their 7.415 MHz frequency. The new frequency will be 7.490 MHz. I expect Al will address this in further detail on his show this evening at 0000 UT on 7.415. Regards, (Larry Will, Area 51, 2036 UT Oct 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, he did. Summary from first third of 'Allan Weiner Worldwide': FCC says it is because the Civil Air Patrol has a new HF fixed communications system on 7416. 7415 was WBCQ's #1 frequency since it went on the air Sept 8, 1998. A good run, but have always known that operating on an out-of-band frequency is subject to getting bumped to another frequency if the US government requires.

Hopes 7490 will be better anyway, away from China Radio International interference on 7415. It so happens that the WBCQ antenna peaks closer to 7.5 MHz. Will retune over the weekend, maybe not on full power at first from Oct 24. Hunting for a 7490 crystal WBCQ probably has somewhere.

It also so happens that 'TimTron Worldwide' celebrates tenth anniversary so may give him as much time as he wants this Saturday on 7415 for the last time. Normal time is 7-9 pm EDT. Much later at 0545 UT Saturday Oct 22, we noticed that 7415 was still on the air with rock music.

gh comments: this is good because of the CRI QRM, which was never enough to get Allan to move of his own free will. B-11 schedules show WWCR on 7490 in the mornings, 12-15 or without DST at 13-16 UT, when WBCQ has never been on the air anyway (but 7415 had been available 24 hours for WBCQ, whatever the collisions). We shall be VERY interested to hear if anyone actually picks up CAP on 7416. Mode could be digital, Allan says.

The Kazakhstan site is B-11 listed on 7490 at 18-22 toward Europe 300 or 200 kW, 301 degrees, the first half for YFR, unknown what for the second half. That's not too far from Kashgar where the CRI QRM was coming from. And BBC via Thailand at 22-24, 250 kW, 25 degrees. That's also toward us, and I'm afraid in the winter that will be a QRM problem along the grayline. BBC is already on there in A-11 from Thailand at 22-24, but 45 degrees. Not yet Kazakhstan.

This of course affects WORLD OF RADIO, Thursdays at 2130 UT, and from November 10 at 2230, effective immediately to be on 7490 ex-7415

7415, WBCQ on the air UT Sunday Oct 23 at 0030 with music, presumably 'Radio Timtron Worldwide' special tenth anniversary show as Allan Weiner had mentioned 24 hours earlier on AWWW. Didn't have time to listen further until 0354 UT recheck of Albania [q.v.] on 7425, and 7415 was also still running then, for the last time. From now on, let's all listen to the Civil Air Patrol on 7416!

You won't find 7415 mentioned at all for Saturday/UT Sunday on the WBCQ sked,
<http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=7415>
since as AW reminded us, that's a day off for several months since all three paying clients cancelled.

Or rather, 7490. This sked has unusually already been updated to show the new frequency, which apparently starts Sunday Oct 23 instead of Monday Oct 24. We also received notice from Marion Webster that her show 'Marion's Attic' would be on 7490 already Oct 23, Sunday at 2100-

2200 UT. Hmm, I also see WORLD OF RADIO on 7490 not only Thu 2130 but also Wed 2130, a time which was cancelled a few months ago; is it really back on Wed? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Marion's Attic: WBCQ is Changing Frequency this Sunday

Dear Valued Radio Fans of Marion's Attic, I have just found out that WBCQ, 7.415 MHz will be changing its broadcast frequency to 7.490 MHz, this Sunday, October 23rd. Please tune into Marion's Attic this Sunday at 5 PM to 7.490 MHz.

October 23rd's show, #462, will be aired this Sunday and then repeated following Sunday, the 29th, for the fans who write to us via the postal service. Show number # 462, 463 and 464 were specially produced at Fritztown, PA; music you must not miss.

Thank you for retuning your radio to 7.490 MHz. Lovingly, (Marion, Marion's Attic, WBCQ, The Planet, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Glenn, I have not been doing much DXing lately, hence my silence. But I still try to catch World of Radio when I can. On shortwave I can hear you on Thursdays at 2100 via WTWW on 9479. It puts in a reasonable signal here though the first half-minute or so is usually inaudible until the VOA transmitter on 9480 signs off. (James MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), Oct 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1587: first airing Thursday Oct 20 at 1500 on WRMI 9955; repeats are: Thu 2100, Fri 0500, 1430, Sat 0800, 1500, 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730, etc.

On WTWW: Thu 2100 9479, UT Sun 0400 5755

On WBCQ: Thu 2130 7415, UT Mon 0300v 5110v-CUSB via Area 51

On WWRB: UT Fri 0331 on 3195, 5051

On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830. Full schedule at: <http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

WORLD OF RADIO 1587 monitoring: confirmed before 2130 UT Thursday Oct 20 on WTWW 9479, excellent signal. Also from 0332 UT Friday Oct 21 on WWRB, after about a 20 second pause following the Anderson SC preacher, both on 5051 (as always with het), and better 3195. And on WRMI 9955, Friday 1445, poor signal but readable on peaks without jamming and holding own against 9960.

Further WRMI airings: Saturday 0800, 1500, 1730; Sunday 0800, 1530, 1730, etc. WTWW: UT Sunday 0400 on 5755. WBCQ: UT Monday 0300v on 5110v-CUSB. WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830.

WORLD OF RADIO 1587 monitoring: confirmed UT Sunday Oct 23 at 0400 on 5755 WTWW. Further airings on 9955 WRMI: Sunday 1530, 1730; Monday 1130, 1530, 2130; Tuesday & Wednesday 1530; on 5110v-CUSB WBCQ Area 51: UT Monday 0300v. On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sunday 1730. Full schedule including many more webcasting affiliates:
<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

Routine check for WORLD OF RADIO play on Area 51, scheduled UT Monday 0300 on WBCQ 5110v-CUSB, on webcast found Radio Jennifer instead continuing past 0300 and 0330 Oct 24, so I asked Larry Will:

``Larry, Wondering what happened to WOR tonight as Jennifer ran until 0330, then `a hi-pitched buzz`, and then not WOR or IRR. I see you have Duck & Cover on the sked for 0330, but WOR at 0300. Glenn``

``Glenn, My apologies. WOR did air at 0200 last evening. When I realized it was running early it was 12 minutes in, so I left it running and played R. Jennifer at 0230. Second, CKUT is doing their annual fundraising drive over the next two weeks and I don't like to play fundraisers for other stations. Next week I will probably play a classic rebroadcast of the IRR. Regards, Lw``

Also, on the frequency change for WBCQ from 7415 to 7490: Altho Marion's Attic alerted listeners it would be in effect Sunday Oct 23 for her broadcast at 21-22, I did not monitor as in the meantime I received a phone call from Jennifer Weiner, who said 7490 would not start until Oct 24.

Also that WORLD OF RADIO is not scheduled on Wednesdays at 2130, contrary to updated 7490 website schedule, just Thursdays at 2130. Let's see how much QRM WBCQ gets on 7490 now from Kazakhstan at 19-22 {oops, that Kazklash does not start until B-11}, BBC Thailand at 22-24. WOR will stay at 2130 for another two weeks, then 2230.

Disregard my earlier comment about Kazakhstan colliding with WBCQ on 7490 at 18-22: that does not start until Oct 30, B-11. Supposed sign-on is 1900 UT, but I could not hear anything of it (nor on 7415 in case there was a delay); band very noisy, plus probably computer QRN peak around there, which was still running inside. Checked at 1900, and several more times. 1943 a JBA carrier on 7490, unknown if WBCQ, still nothing readable after 2000. Meanwhile as usual there was no problem in hearing WBCQ on 15420-CUSB and 9330v-CUSB, except there's nothing on those frequencies worth listening to (but yes, I know, they pay the bills).

Recheck at 2235, now 7490 is audible with WBCQ // 9330-CUSB, so financial show instead of Good Friends Radio Network? Yes, at 22-23 M-F, 'Money Talk' is scheduled on both. No co-channel audible on 7490,

but it may be different closer to the terminator (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, As you may already know, we are moving from 7415 to 7490 effective today the 24th. This is due to the Civil Air Patrol wanting to use 7416 for a new comm. system. We found out from the FCC this past Friday at 10:30 AM. Not much time to give notice. The FCC was very cooperative in finding another frequency. Our thanks to Tom Lucey at the commission.

We expect 7490 to be a better frequency for WBCQ. 7415 has been plagued by interference from CRI and others. After 13 years on 7415 it was a great run. More free speech radio fun now on 7490!! Cheers, (Allan Weiner, WBCQ, Oct 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9990, Oct 26 at 2050, WTWW-2 transmitter is on with test, simulcasting PPP on 9479. Good audio and excellent signal; even with max attenuation on the FRG-7 I can't tell any difference in strength compared to 9980 WWCR, but George McClintock tells me WTWW was only running 25 kW. This rhombic antenna seems to be functioning well. There are still a number of minor things which need to be done before #2 can be put into regular service. Night frequency 5080 has also been tested but I haven't heard it yet. That has QRM from a ute data station, and WTWW has applied for 5095 instead which may have less QRM. Once it's in full operation he will decide on a program client; there are two interested in 24-hour operation (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9370, Oct 25 at various times I noticed WTJC very undermodulated, and while that was no bother to any neighbor, I said to myself, ``a bad sign, I bet they will be squeezing out spurs before long``. And so they were! Oct 26 at 1218, huge distorted blobs around 9395 and 9345, i.e. 25 kHz either side, while 9370 remained very undermodulated. A weaker pair could be heard 50 kHz on either side, circa 9320 and 9420. However, by 1255, the spurs were gone, no doubt only temporarily, as WTJC goes thru periodic continuous cycles out of whack and back into whack (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWRB loop on 5051 --- DX'ers: WWRB at tunein 2313 UT I heard a loop announcing for new broadcasting on the station giving ad or broadcasting rates: 30 bucks for 30 minutes, 100 bucks [sic; no, he says 60] for one hour, etc. Good signal with hash interference on UT Friday, October 21, 2011 (The day of The "Rapture"). Loop stopped at 2315 UT, now open carrier on the frequency 5051 khz, monitoring on the Tecsun portable on generator power (Handcrank).73's, (Noble West, Indie Reviewer/Consultant, TN, RX: Tecsun Green 88, Builtin antenna, Oct 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3215 // weaker 5051, Oct 25 at 0051, WWRB, Dave has resumed filling unsold time with repetitive barker loop offering airtime at \$30 for 30 minutes, \$60 for 60 minutes (= dollar a minute; where have we heard that before?), on prime frequencies 3215 and 3195. (3215 presumably switches to 3195 at 0100 when WWCR starts 3215.) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 21630, Oct 21 at 1827, huge WHRI signal with gospel huxter in English putting modulation peak spur spikes out as far as 21520 and 21800, worst around 21610(Spain)-21680. Recheck at 1929 they were all off. HFCC has 21630 WHRI registered Mon-Sat 1500-1600, daily 1600-1900, but I don't think anywhere near that full extent is being used, fortunately.

21670, Sunday Oct 23 at 1423, S9+22 gospel huxter in English from WHRI. Like 21630 logged later on Oct 21, this frequency also splatters with modulation spur spikes audible as far away as 21590-21830. HFCC shows 21670 at 14-15 Sat & Sun only, but does not include the true splatter bandwidth (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13580, Oct 22 at 1251 the huge carrier from WEWN is open, but with fast pulsing noises out on the sidebands. I guess it was a modulation problem on the input affecting the output, as morning mass with organ resumed within the minute and the pulsing went away (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non] New time & frequency of WYFR Family R. in Nepali from Oct. 13: 1300-1400 on 12130 A-A 200 kW / 132 deg to SoAS, ex 1400-1500 on 9900 A-A (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 22 Oct via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. South Africa. Family Radio relay. 6100 Meyerton. Oct 18, 2011, Tuesday. 1648-1658. Malagasy, with western classical music, at least some of it by Sibelius. After 1650, OM talking to 1656 then more music with organ and piano. At 1657 WYFR music and YL mentioned Malagasy. Good, to East Africa. Jo'burg sunset 1616.

Family Radio relay. 6100 Meyerton. Oct 22, 2011, Saturday. 1745-1749. French, songs and talk. Good, to East Africa. Jo'burg sunset 1619 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. On the subject of Family Radio & Harold Camping, I sent an e-mail follow-up report, with accompanying cover letter. In this letter I asked whether Harold Camping would continue his broadcasts and whether Family Radio was continuing with their shortwave coverage.

This response came back, within ten days time:
/Family Radio is not abandoning shortwave broadcasting for a lot of the world. Family Radio did discontinue broadcasting in shortwave in

areas where shortwave is not listen [sic] to much and where we have others ways to get our broadcast to the people. We still broadcast in shortwave to Asia, Africa and Central and South America.

Sincerely, Ted Solomon/

But no word on Harold Camping continuation on his Doomsday predictions. Just my two cents worth (Edward Kusalik, AB, Oct 22, still trying to get one more Family Radio (Issoudon) relay site verified, ODXA yg via DXLD)

FAMILY RADIO APPEALS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Family Radio Stations, Inc., the radio network founded and managed by Bible teacher Harold Camping, was broadcasting a message on Saturday, one day after the world failed to end as the 90-year-old evangelist had predicted, encouraging remaining supporters to keep making donations to the network.

The message also revealed that the station, which reaped about \$80 million in donations between 2005 and 2009 and also benefited from sales of some of its radio properties, may be in danger of experiencing financial difficulties.

The radio announcer, who was not identified, said: iI trust that you too will pray for us often that we can minister in many ways. That God will provide wisdom to those of leadership and that we continue to minister to you, and to teach Godís word daily. Please pray for us and pray about continuing to support this totally listener-sponsored Christian radio network. We have a great need for daily operating funds. Without your generous support at this time we might be forced to face some very important decisions. I trust those of you who enjoy some of our programming daily will be able to share generously in the months ahead.î (Source: christianpost.com)(October 23rd, 2011 - 11:35 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

With the world twice failing to end this year, any credibility Family Radio might have has been shattered, and donations are obviously drying up. Evidence of that is the greatly reduced WYFR schedule. A complete repudiation of Harold Camping's pronouncements is needed if the rebuilding process is to begin (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There are still an awful lot of broadcasts in a lot of languages via relay sites (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

[yawn] On the other hand, if they disappeared, it might free up some frequencies or time slots for other broadcasters to use. I liken Mr. Camping to the crazy fellow on the street corner holding the sign that

says "The end is near!" Until I see Pinhead and the cenobites coming down the street, I just won't believe it. That's not to say I won't give anything resembling a Rubic's cube a very wide berth. 73 (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HAROLD CAMPING RETIRES AS HEAD OF FAMILY RADIO

For nearly 53 years Harold Camping has been a prominent figure in Christian broadcasting. On Monday The Christian Post was exclusively told that the 90-year-old was no longer able to lead his Family Radio ministry, and would be retiring.

During the last several years the Family Radio network has suffered operating losses and two of their stations, WKDN in Philadelphia and WFSI in Annapolis, Maryland covering the Washington, DC area, are being sold, tentatively to CBS. On Monday, Family Radio began soliciting donations to offset those losses, even though the broadcasting outlets currently owned by the company are potentially worth hundreds of millions. (Source: Christian Post) October 26th, 2011 - 12:09 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

2 Comments on iHarold Camping retires as head of Family Radio

#1 Keith Perron on Oct 26th, 2011 at 13:56

Finally! Just did an interview this week with someone or I should say two people that will be on this weeks Media Network Plus. All I can say is it is weird.

#2 lou josephs on Oct 26th, 2011 at 16:53

The CBS sale rumor puts them in spin off land in DC/Baltimore and Philly. Funny thing CBS sold KFRC AM to Family Radio several years back. Merlin Media has also put in bids for both stations as well. Should be interesting to see what turns out (MN blog comments via DXLD)

** U S A. Re 11-42: Bolinas Transmitter Site

GE street view shows Coast Guard signage at 37 55 32.36N, 122 43 52.51W. Incidentally, the free standing tower close to the road supports a microwave dish aimed north so there might be another CG facility in the area but I doubt that there's any connection between the Coast Guard and the commercial facilities.

Additional examination of street view images show that the antennas consisting of a guyed lattice tower surrounded by six wooden poles might be a discone.

I think Wolfgang has pinpointed the site I recall from my trip to the Point Reyes lighthouse years ago. It's on the north side of the road leading to the lighthouse (38° 05'42.42" N 122° 56'48.28" W). I don't recall seeing the art deco building but since it's at the end of a long drive I guess I just missed it. JL (Jerry Lenamon, Waco, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 530 had good copy on a station, never heard before.
"Antelope Island State Park" in Utah, mentions of extensive wildlife viewing area, bison, antelope; mention of "Great Salt Lake" area. 1302 UT (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, R75, longwires, Oct 21, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. 650, WNMT, Nashwauk, MN, 1200-1220 UT, 10/21/11, just a few minutes before the TOH I tuned by this frequency, and WSM owned it. Maybe 5 minutes later these guys were here with a really good signal. I caught their simple ID, "WNMT, Nashwauk". ABC news headlines then state news followed. Rapidly faded down around 1220. This is one of those "too easy" stations! This was tnx to a tip from Richard Allen, my neighbor to the south. I'm sure his coat-tails are getting heavy:) (Kirk Allen, Ponca City OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 770, Oct 21 at *1315, KKOB Albuquerque NM cuts to day pattern and signal suddenly appears amid chat about Hallowe'en devices; already fading by 1319. No sign of KKOB Santa Fe 230 watt fill-in before 1315.

770, Oct 25 at 1236 UT, ad for comedian George Lúpez appearing at the Inn of the Mountain Gods (which is near Ruidoso NM), in Nov; 1237 Albuquerque traffic report ``on the 7s'', mild 61 degrees in downtown Albuquerque. Weak but steady signal, presumably the KKOB Santa Fe filler with 230 watts until 1315*. How about traffic in SF? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KKOB (Albuquerque, NM) 770, returned report with a handwritten note at the end asking if there was a problem with WABC NY (their sister station co-channel), presumably because I was able to hear Albuquerque, in 12 days for a first class stamp and English report sent via first-class mail. I have written an email back explaining about nulls that can be done with loops, although I am sure the CE is aware of this. V/s. Bill Harris, Director of Engineering (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Oct 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Al, Getting KKOB in PA is not bad at all. I'd think a null on much closer WABC would also be close to a null on KKOB. What time and date did you get KKOB? Maybe you caught them while on day pattern without their null toward WABC? (Glenn to Al, ibid.)

HI Glenn, That was October 5th at 0203 GMT. I mean WABC put a hurting

on their signal with about I-2 in the SINPO, but I was able to dig them out from underneath with a Palstar LA30 loop and amplifier. The guy did write confirmed and sent his business card. Also caught some other west coast stations that night. 73 (Al Muick, ibid.)

Al, I wouldn't be surprised if the KKOB co-channel repeater in Santa Fe at night, 230 watts non-directional, puts more of a signal toward WABC and you than the 50 kW in Albuquerque nulling NYC. I wonder what the CE would think of that possibility. They really ought to have some way of identifying it separately.

I sometimes make out KKOB before their sunrise, presumably Santa Fe, but you can really tell when the main signal kicks on to nondirectional at sunrise. Anyone else trying for KKOB or KKOB eastward, the SR/SS times are:

Oct: 1315-2430 UT === Nov: 1345-2400 UT (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn, Agreed. Repeaters should have their own call or some method (Morse?) of ID'ing them. It's a possibility that I did get the repeater, but we have no way of telling. There could also be the possibility of an issue with the directional array during that day or few days. We'll never know. I did also catch KGO, KNX, KOA and KSL over a 48 hour period there, so it may have been good conditions as well.

KKOB was a bit of a toughie, because the full ID never came through; I always got the "KK" portion and then WABC would step on it, but the many, many ads for Albuquerque businesses were what gave it away. I think everyone there makes their living selling used cars. The repeater would have been a low-power bonus for me, but it's still New Mexico verified on mediumwave.

I fell in love with MW DX again, because shortwave is pretty much beat except for utility stations. I have some excellent MW shots down into the Caribbean from here. I should be making a little DXpedition to Puerto Rico in December as well. 73 (Al Muick, ibid.)

RE: ``...oddly enough does not have a separate callsign!" (KKOB)

Glenn: -- Sorry; just now getting to the "U"s in #41. Truth is, the last three prominent sets of synchros I can think of DID share callsigns: KKOB; former-870 in Laughlin & East Las Vegas, NV (now KLSQ/870-solo in Whitney or somesuch imaginary subdivision); and WLLH/1400 in Lawrence & Lowell, MA. Most 73z (GREG HARDISON, CA, shortwave yg via DXLD)

I didn't mean that it was odd for a synchro, of which there are so few. I meant that all synchros should have separate callsigns, e.g.

KKOB-1 for Santa Fe (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 870, Oct 25 at 1157 UT in WWL null, instead of XETAR which is about to sign on, English reporter with NPR News outro credit, then 90.5 WKAR ID. It's a rare day to hear any NPR on MW here, so thank you, MSU in East Lansing MI, even if you don't want to mention you are still also on AM. Is 10 kW D3. Pattern favors the NW, but no deep nulls elsewhere. LSR/LSS are 1145-2300 UT in Oct; 1230-2215 in Nov (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 900, Oct 22 at 1218 UT, ``Country Classics, the Big 900, KFAL`` ID, ``Dang Me``; no XE QRM at the moment. KFAL is in Fulton MO, near Columbia/Jefferson City, 1000/135 watts U1. Just went on day power at official October sunrise 1215; in Nov will be 1245 UT, regardless of DST. One kW is not very 'Big' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 910, WHSM, Hayward, WI, 1140-1155 UT, 10/21/11, weak signal playing adult standards music. Local ad for a hardware store (I think). Clear ID popped up at 1151. "WHSM, 910 AM and 101.1 FM." (Kirk Allen, Ponca City OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 920, Oct 26 at 1232 UT, dominant signal looping NW/SE with low-key local newscast, no hype, no ads, items such as: rock art vandalism in Utah, call BLM; Wyoming/Colorado water pipeline controversy; local elections in Ballard City; Hallowe'en parade route changed in Roosevelt; tri-county health department sponsoring expired drug drop-off in Vernal. Finally fading at 1239 with increasing religious signal from NE/SW, no doubt KYFR in Iowa. This was obviously KVEL in Vernal UT, 5/1 kW U2 and should have been on night power before sunrise even in Enid (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ALABAMA, 960, WERC, Birmingham. 2322 October 18, 2011. Spot for long-outdated marketing concept Cox Target Media company (ValPak "direct mail" spot, with national toll-free 800 number and URL instead of a local contact), then male canned, "...News Radio 105.5, WERC... This is News Radio..." into talk.

960, WLPR, Prichard AL. 2322 October 18, 2011. Really nice oldie/backwoods gospel vocals back-to-back, rapidly overtaking WERC on post-sunset, then seemingly live male, "The Solid Gospel 9-60 AM" and back to oldie gospel vocals. This one is right on the Alabama / Mississippi coastal border, Mobile market (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1020, Oct 21 at 1222 UT, Spanish making 1 Hz SAH with semi-local KOKP Perry OK, KMMQ Plattsburgh NE again, ads for Wired City at

Calle 25 y M; same restaurant as heard before, ``al sur de Omaha'', which offers seafood, and beer to treat your weekend headaches (?) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1110, TEXAS, KVTT, Mineral Wells. 2352-0003 October 17/18, 2011. Tentatively the one. Tune-in to Hindi Bollywood vocals past 0000, off or lost at 0003. WBT, Charlotte co-channel and improving, and Radio Angulo also in the mix after 0003, along with unidentified Christian modern vocals, possibly WTIS, Tampa, from 0002.

KTEK, Alvin, TX is listed as Biz News network, but there's a bit dated non-station web site or two showing Bollywood programming here, with the NRC AM Log showing as 2500 watts DA only. Grayline enhancement matches eastern TX at this time. But my post on the Houston-Galveston board of radio-info.com brought this response from Chuck Tiller, Operations Manager, Newstalk 1070 KNTH, Business 1110 KTEK & 100.7 The Word KKHT, Houston:

"Most likely you heard KVTT in Mineral Wells, Texas. Salem owns and operates KTEK as "Business 11-10." It DOES have some ethnic brokered programming on the weekend only. That time was close to sunset and KVTT's 50 KW signal does pose interference problems for KTEK during that period." And from the same board, Meadafrog+: "KVTT's signal has a strong lobe to the ESE, so it would be aimed right at Clearwater, Florida." But yet, nobody has stated what the format of KVTT is at this hour block.

Recheck 2347 October 18, rather unusual (Hindi?) vocals with no instruments supporting -- as if religious script poetry not unlike Islam/Qur'an -- blasting in way atop WBT briefly, but already dropping down by 2354 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sangean PR-D5; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED; 'KTEK': see also 1670

** U S A. QSL: KSL (Salt Lake City, UT) 1160, f/d logo card in 10 days for English report via first class and one first-class stamp as return postage. V/s. John Dehnel, Chief Engineer.

Not too shabby a week! I am sure glad that a lot of my missing QSLs are able to be recovered through the generosity and good graces of the stations involved. It really means a lot. 73 (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Oct 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1170, SOUTH CAROLINA, WDEK, Lexington. 0002 October 19, 2011. Male canned, "This is The Deck, WDEK, Lexington" into very

pleasingly obscure 50's/60's Blues-ish and pre-R&R vocals. Excellent (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1190, Oct 21 at 1232 UT, Disney-like teeny-bopper music ``Yesterday --- Gonna Be OK'', definitely looping NE/SW, i.e. KPHN Kansas City MO, 5000/500 watts; 1234 ID only as ``AM-11-90, Radio Disney''. Many of the RD calls have some obvious connexion to Disney characters, but I can't figure out what KPHN would mean. Should have just powered up at official October sunrise of 1230 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1310, FLORIDA, WAUC, Wauchula. 2320 October 21, 2011. This one uses a "Radio Mexicana" slogan, the slogan not listed in the 2011 NRC AM Log. And confirmed after the log on the station website. Mostly poor (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1360, Oct 25 at 1258 UT, American Freedom Network, super-patriotic slogans, American News Network also mentioned, ID KHNC Johnstown-Denver. Johnstown is north of Denver, closer to Greeley and Loveland. 10/1 kW U4 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1430, Oct 26 at 1245 UT, ``Johnny, Be Good'' by Chuck Berry, 1247 ID sounded like ``All News KQGZ'', then mixing with 'The Buzz' from Tulsa. I think the first one must have been KZQZ Saint Louis, where 1430 was originally WIL --- why would they replace a great heritage call with such an ugly unpronounceable one? FCC patterns show 5 kW daytime with a broad lobe to NNW, but plenty of signal to the SW; and a 50 kW daytime CP with quite different pattern, major lobes to the WSW and ENE; is that on air yet? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1530, Oct 25 at 1233 UT, local Kansas news by YL, 1225 OM ID as KQNK, weather, low to be 28 Thursday morning. 1227 YL with school breakfast and lunch menus; is 11 miles from Nebraska between Oberlin and Phillipsburg which were also mentioned. 1000 watt non-directional daytimer plus 500 watt PSRA, dominating frequency for a while (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1550, Oct 24 at 0545 UT, dominant station on the FRG-7 with east/west longwire is going on and on about events at Branson, so it's KLFJ Springfield, ``Branson Information Radio'', a pseudo-TIS supposedly running only 28 watts at night instead of 5000 watts day. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KLFJ-1550 has apparently been running on their 5 kW day power for more than a week now-supposed to be 28 watts at night. They ran open

carrier for about a week or two prior to that, so obviously something's not right. They're usually quite weak and easily nullable on night power southwest of town where I live, but not now (Randy Stewart, Arts Producer, KSMU, 901 S. National, Springfield MO 65897, Oct 22, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. Greetings from WGBW Radio in Denmark, Wisconsin USA! WGBW AM 1590 KHz in Denmark, Wisconsin USA is notifying you, of our first scheduled TEST of our NEW 10 Kilowatt facility, set for Sunday morning, October 23, 2011, beginning at 1200 Midnight (Central Daylight Time). It is anticipated, the test will last at least one hour, most likely two hours.

This is a new facility, constructed in June 2011. We serve the greater Green Bay, Wisconsin area. Our prior facility, was 1,000 watts at Two Rivers, Wisconsin. We will test our 10,000 watt transmitter, during the Experimental Period. I should remind you, that there are NO 1590's operating in Canada.

Our test material (programming) will contain tone, frequent Station Identifications, music that is NOT found on the radio today...(i.e. march music, Morse code ID's, cartoon music, TV themes, etc.) I will not give any more hints, except to say, the music will be unique. I am asking you, to contact your members / readers and alert them to this test. Our radio station has professionally printed DX confirmation cards, which we will send to all who report our station, during the test period. Also, if you have any communications / associations with other DX organizations,

I would ask that you would pass this along to them, as well. We have enjoyed hearing from Finland and the west coast of the US, when we had our 1,000 watt station operating, during tests.

I am 99% confident, that weather will cooperate for this test. In the unfortunate case of bad weather (thunderstorms are NOT likely in Wisconsin, in late October) we would reschedule the test for October 30th. Thank you, for your consideration and cooperation.

Best wishes,

Mark Heller, President and General Manager and Chief Engineer
WGBW AM Radio Station

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(via Rich Line, Sterling Heights, MI, MARE Tipsheet Oct 21 via DXLD)

The WGBW DX Test is running on 1590 - also running CW IDs. Heard on a remote receiver in Southern New England. Regards (Tony Magon, VK2IC, NSW, 0507 UT Oct 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am getting bits of the DX test here, noted 12:05.30 CDT. Not strong, but in the jumble peaking at times. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA via DXLD)

1590, trying for the WGBW Denmark WI DX test, Oct 23 at 0543 UT, not heard amid graveyard-like jumble of signals. One surfaced however, sounding like ``Country 15-90, KDKO''. That call is certainly wrong, but in the NRC AM Log 2011-2012, the only 1590 with that slogan is KTCH in Wayne, Nebraska, supposedly running 47 watts at night instead of 2.5 kW day. Looking at WGBW's day pattern

http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/1429054-115034.pdf

assuming that's the correct one, since FCC has it as a CP, not LIC, it's not surprising we weren't getting them, 10 kW but with nulls all the way from 170 to 280 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hence the DX test: what WGBW's owner Mark Heller was doing was testing out a brand-new AM directional array. His old one-tower site was just north of Two Rivers, within spitting distance of the Lake Michigan shoreline. The new four-tower, 10 kW site is just off I-43 near Cooperstown, a few miles southeast of Denmark, and it's designed to blast into Green Bay, a few miles to the northwest.

Mark just bought a second station in the area, WMBE 1530 New Holstein (ex-Chilton, but with no change in facilities); maybe we can get him to test that one soon, too, though it will get clobbered at night by WCKY. s (Scott Fybush, NY, Oct 23, IRCA via DXLD)

Mark, Tnx for notifying me individually. You certainly got the word out about this via numerous other individuals and DX lists. That's the way to do it. I did try around 12:45 am but nothing made it thru all the interference except maybe the Nebraska station. Looking at your new day pattern lately, I'm not very surprised with the wide null roughly 170 to 280 degrees. Too bad you couldn't run non-directional just once for the test. I'm glad to see you did get out to a number of other listeners in other directions, and hope you'll do it again.

Regards, Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, to Mark Heller, WGBW, via DXLD)

Our non-D is limited to 2500 watts. This was our first test, and I wanted to see what 10 kW days would do. You had an electrical storm in Eastern Oklahoma, while this was going on. I doubt you would have heard much, through that. We null WCGO in Evanston, IL, also 1570 in Appleton, WI, 1600 in Ripon, WI, and 1590 at Platteville, WI. It used to be the other way around! mh (Mark Heller, WGBW, Oct 24, ibid.)

WGBW was heard well with a voice announcement at 0100 EDT, followed by

bugle call, calliope music, and various other strange music (including the Mickey Mouse theme). A very slow Morse ID that sounded sent by hand started at 0105:30. The test seemed to continue beyond 0200, with the same sequence repeating then. A relog, but it's always fun to hear a DX test. The surprising thing was that I also heard WGBW at 0805 EDT, well past sunrise here, with a formal sign-on announcement (Barry McLarnon VE3JF Ottawa, ON, IRCA via DXLD)

On last year's test, everybody had a kilowatt aimed at them. WGBW has a new (directional) pattern that favors Ontario and other NE environs. That little SE lobe is the only reason I was able to get them. There are thousands and thousands of nice patterns at the fccinfo.com site. (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, *ibid.*)

** U S A. Has anyone else noticed that the 1630 Wyoming station comes in extremely strong in upper sideband, but almost nonexistent in lower sideband? Iowa City dominates on LSB most evenings here in St. Louis Missouri, but the (somewhat overmodulated) Mexican Ranchera music from Fox Farm Wyoming is frequently over them in USB. This is something I've never noticed before on other AM stations. Anyway, I suppose it's a tip for you East coasters who might need Wyoming, be sure and check 1630 in USB (Earl Higgins, St. Louis, Missouri, 0153 UT Oct 22, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

This tip deserves an A+. Thanks for posting this! I heard it here at 11:30pm ET and recorded two IDs. New station; new state. Also heard in Quebec tonight. Wish this method would work for KSL and KNX (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, SDR-IQ, 40'x15' switchable flag SW/NE 60 deg to Europe, *ibid.*)

Wyoming on 1630 --- Somebody posted on the NRC list that if they parked on 1630, they'd get KCJJ on LSB and KRND Wyoming on USB with Mexican. I tried it. It worked. I'm listening now to KRND's Mexican stuff on USB and just got an ID of La Jota Mexicana recorded. Heads up you guys in the East if you need this! It's strong. 11:25pm ET (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, 22 Oct 0326 UT, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

KRND WY strong here on USB. Good tip. Relog (Saul Chernos, Burnt River ON, *ibid.*)

USB is not helpful here, with local KFXY on 1640. The big question is, whether KRND is doing this deliberately and legally? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Mike and all, My first post to this group to report that KRND was also heard here a moment ago with ID " La Jota Mexicana" best in USB and up to a good signal at 23:40 [EDT] then shortly after that, mixing with KCJJ and Iowa ads. Thanks for the hint! (Sylvain Naud, Portneuf,

QC, <http://www.quebecdx.com> 0345 UT Oct 22, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

The tip is spot-on. Just logged KRND as "La Jota Mexicana" mixing with KCJJ. Neither needed here, but I went decades before I finally logged Wyoming from here, so always nice to hear (Jim Renfrew, Holley NY, 0417 UT Oct 22, *ibid.*)

Is that the one on 1630.014? (Rick Shaftan, NJ, 0426 UT Oct 22, *ibid.*)

Nice "AM 16-30 La Jota Mexicana" ID at 0050 ELT! Thanks to all for the tip (David Yocis, Harpers Ferry WV, Oct 22, IRCA via DXLD)

KRND 1630 has a good signal here in SE Houston, too. Heard "16-30 AM La Jota Mexicana" ID's at 2344 CDT and 2350 CDT. I'm using my DT-400W barefoot. Thanks for all the tips! 73 & Great DX, (Steve Ponder, N5WBI Clear Lake City, TX USA, *ibid.*)

Two short clips of KRND 1630 from Last Night

<http://www.wtfda.info/showthread.php?6700-Wyoming-1630-into-CT-on-Oct.-21st&p=21285#post21285>

(Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

1630-USB, Oct 24 at 0547, Mexican music, ``16-30 AM, nuestra frecuencia, nuestro nombre La Jota Mexicana''. There had been several logs all over North America of KRND Fox Farm WY on USB, meaning that other DSB stations such as KCJJ could be heard on 1630-LSB without KRND QRM. Yes, indeed, much more KRND modulation on USB, but there is still a little audible on LSB via the DX-398, and at the moment not much else. It does not seem like the carrier is reduced. At night, local KFXY 1640 DSB not much of a problem, but there is a fast SAH on 1630, perhaps 14 Hz as Rick Shaftan, NJ, had asked if that's the one on 1630.014? The big question is, why is KRND doing this, and is it deliberately, or even legally? It would be quite a surprise if FCC authorized suppressing one sideband on an AM station. I don't see any reason to do so, such as to reduce interference to any 1620 station. What it's really doing is suppressing LSB, not emphasizing USB (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1670, NEW MEXICO "KTEK" New Mexico Tech Student Radio, Socorro. A non-log. In the process of searching for any current programming format for 1110 kHz KYEK in Alvin (Houston market), TX, I stumbled upon this Pt. 15 station, listed with faux KTEK calls and operating from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology campus in Socorro. Many of their sub-pages are "under construction": <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~ktek/> Still active? (Terry L Krueger, FL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Board, mixers and espresso machine

FORFEITURE ORDER

Adopted: October 19, 2011 Released: October 21, 2011

By the Regional Director, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In this Forfeiture Order (iOrderi), we issue a monetary forfeiture in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to Daniel K. Roberts a/k/a iMonkey Mani a/k/a iMonkeyi (iRobertsii) in San Francisco, California, for willfully and repeatedly violating section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (iActii), by operating an unlicensed radio broadcast station.¹

II. BACKGROUND

2. Roberts is the operator of Pirate Cat Radio (iPCRi) which operated a radio broadcast station without a license issued by the FCC on 87.9 MHz in San Francisco, California. Roberts is also the executive of the Pirate Cat CafÈ and Studio located at 2781 21st Street, San Francisco, California. In 2008, Roberts began operating PCR from a radio studio located at the Pirate Cat CafÈ and Studio. . . [much more, legalese] http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1021/DA-11-1756A1.pdf
(FCC via Benn Kobb, DXLD)

Operator Of San Francisco's Pirate Cat Radio Fined \$10,000 By FCC

Allaccess.com October 21, 2011

<http://www.allaccess.com/net-news/archive/story/97964/operator-of-san-francisco-s-pirate-cat-radio-fined>

The FCC has fined San Francisco pirate radio station Pirate Cat Radio operator \$10,000 for violating Section 301 of the Communications Act by running the station at 87.9 FM. He had claimed that the programming was being taken from the Internet and broadcast by unknown third parties and that he was not operating the transmitter, but the Commission said that "operate" within the meaning of the Act encompasses more than just handling equipment, and noted that PCR sent out press releases indicating its awareness that the station was aware it was on FM. The Commission also rejected his request for a reduction of the fine for inability to pay (via mike terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

This ruling could also apply to SW pirates relying on someone else to do the broadcasting. Op of PCR fined is Daniel K. Roberts --- any relation to the Dan Roberts who does ``The Shortwave Report`` also from California? <http://www.outfarpress.com/shortwave.shtml>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. [Re 11-42:] More NYC Area Pirates --- Mike, The pirate on

107.9 may be the one in Perth Amboy, NJ that has their studios in Brooklyn, NY. They are a Spanish language station with talk and music. They also have commercials for businesses in Brooklyn, Perth Amboy and Paterson, NJ. They were the same ones who had transmitters in Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre on 92.5 in 2009. They were using 94.5 in Brooklyn (Bob Seaman, WTFDA via DXLD)

When I lived in Philadelphia, I also heard them for a short time on 96.1 in Philadelphia in the summer of 2009. They had quite a 'network' (Steve, K3PHL, ibid.)

** U S A. NORMAN CORWIN, RADIO PIONEER, DIES AT 101

For anyone who holds an appreciation for the craft of radio programming, the past work of this individual is of special significance. A NY Times article:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/20/arts/norman-corwin-pioneer-of-radio-dies-at-101.html?hpw>

(John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, dxldyg via DXLD)

I liked this quote especially: iIn radio there was never a term equivalent to boob tube or couch potato,i Mr. Corwin told the reference work iWorld Authors, 1900-1950.i iThe eye is so literal, whereas the ear makes a participant of the listener. The listener becomes the set designer, the wardrobe mistress, the casting director. You can listen to Carmen on radio. Carmen in person may weigh 350 pounds, but to the listener sheis a beautiful, steamy lady with a rose in her teeth.i RC (Cuff, swprograms via DXLD)

RADIO GREAT NORMAN CORWIN DIES, AGE 101
Radio World October 19, 2011

The man nicknamed the poet laureate of radio has died. Norman Corwin was 101, according to an Associated Press report.

Corwin in 2010 was named a Giant of Broadcasting by the Library of American Broadcasting, which said he is iconidered one of the greatest writers in the English languagei and saluted him as being iamong the first producers to regularly use entertainment to address serious social issues.i

According to a January 2011 profile in Radio World written by Vic Cox, Corwinis career work as a writer, director and producer earned him honors including two Peabody Awards and a place in the Radio Hall of Fame.

According to the Washington Post, Corwin was seen as a visionary in an era when radio was a dominant news and entertainment medium. In

addition to radio, he authored books, plays and scripts including a screenplay for the Kirk Douglas movie *iLust for Life.*

His work included the 1938 program *iThe Plot to Overthrow Christmas,* 1941's *iWe Hold These Truths* and 1945's *iOn a Note of Triumph,* which aired on the day the Allies declared victory in Europe in World War II and was heard by an estimated 60 million people, the Post reported.

According to Cox's recent profile in RW, Corwin had limited radio experience at the time he joined CBS, namely a series of 15-minute experimental dramatizations of poetry over a Long Island station.

A Boston-born journalist, he had come to radio by writing critiques as radio editor of the Springfield Republican in Massachusetts. Later he did radio publicity for 20th Century-Fox in New York.

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/radio-great-norman-corwin-dies-age-/24619>
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) obit

** U S A. NPR DUMPS OPERA SHOW OVER DC PROTEST
BRETT ZONGKER Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- NPR will no longer distribute the affiliate-produced program "World of Opera" to about 60 stations across the country because the show host helped organize an ongoing Washington protest, a network official said Friday evening.

Instead, North Carolina-based classical music station WDAV, which produces the show, said it will distribute the nationally syndicated program on its own beginning Nov. 11. The station said it plans to keep Lisa Simeone as host and has said her involvement in a political protest does not affect her job as a music program host.

NPR spokeswoman Dana Davis Rehm said the network disagrees with the station on the role of program hosts but respects its position.

"Our view is it's a potential conflict of interest for any journalist or any individual who plays a public role on behalf of NPR to take an active part in a political movement or advocacy campaign," she told The Associated Press. "Doing so has the potential to compromise our reputation as an organization that strives to be impartial and unbiased."

Rehm said any host with NPR attached to their title is a public figure representing the network as a whole. But she said "reasonable people can have different views about this." She said the negotiations with WDAV were civil and amicable.

NPR's ethics code states that "NPR journalists may not participate in marches and rallies" involving issues NPR covers. The code notes that some provisions may not apply to outside contributors. It uses a freelancer who primarily contributes arts coverage as an example.

Rehm said the network didn't need to cite the code in its decision to drop the show because its position on hosts' political activities was "even more fundamental."

Simeone, who lives in Baltimore, is a freelancer who has worked in radio and television for 25 years. She has hosted music shows and documentaries. She was fired Wednesday from a radio documentary program she hosted, "Soundprint," because she helped organize the demonstration, which has also protested against Wall Street and what participants call corporate greed.

"Soundprint" is heard on about 35 NPR affiliates and is produced by Maryland-based Soundprint Media Center Inc. The head of Soundprint said the company had adopted NPR's code of ethics as its own.

"World of Opera" is the only radio show in the nation devoted to broadcasting full-length operas from around the world, according to WDAV.

The Davidson, N.C.-based station will use the same distribution process as NPR and hopes to retain all the stations that have aired the program, spokeswoman Lisa Gray said. The network is assisting with the change in distribution, and it won't affect the listener's experience.

"We think it's really important to classical music that we continue to produce the show and make it available," Gray told the AP. "That's our primary concern, that we continue to be able to provide this programming to listeners and stations across the country."

WDAV had previously said it has a different mission than NPR and seeks to provide arts and cultural programming nationally and internationally, rather than news.

NPR had previously produced and distributed "World of Opera" in house until January 2010 when production was shifted to WDAV. The show has been in production for more than 20 years. It has featured performances from U.S. opera companies including Washington National Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Glimmerglass and New York City Opera, as well as operas from Paris, Vienna and elsewhere (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

FREELANCER HEARD ON NPR STATIONS FIRED FOR PROTEST

DCSIMG Oct 20, 6:20 PM EDT
By BRETT ZONGKER Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A freelance radio host was fired from a documentary program that airs on NPR affiliates because she helped organize a Washington protest, the host said Thursday, while the producers of another show defended her work and said she hasn't violated their policies.

Lisa Simeone said she was fired Wednesday evening from "Soundprint," a documentary show that isn't produced by NPR but airs on about 35 affiliate stations across the country. The head of Soundprint Media Center Inc. cited NPR's code of ethics before she was fired.

"In my mind, it's fine if you want to be a leader of an organized protest movement, but you can't also be in a journalistic role," Moira Rankin, president of Soundprint, told The Associated Press a day after she fired Simeone. "You can't be the host of a journalism program and plead that you are different than the reporter who is going to come on a minute after you introduce the program."

Rankin said she was alerted to Simeone serving as a protest spokeswoman by a radio programming director who airs the show. She said her Laurel, Md.-based production company had adopted NPR's ethics code as its own in part because listeners don't know the difference between NPR and independent producers across the country.

NPR also questioned Simeone's involvement in the protest near the White House, which began as an anti-war protest but also adopted what participants call an anti-corporate greed message. But NPR said Simeone doesn't work for the radio network, and it hadn't pressured Soundprint to fire her.

Simeone also hosts "World of Opera," a show produced by North Carolina-based music and arts station WDAV. That program is distributed by NPR to 43 stations. Simeone said that station is supporting her.

"I don't cover news. In none of the shows that I do, do I cover the news," she told the AP. "What is NPR afraid I'll do? Insert a seditious comment into a synopsis of 'Madame Butterfly?'"

Simeone, who lives in Baltimore, said she has been serving with about 50 people on a steering committee for an occupation protest on Pennsylvania Avenue that's known as the October 2011 Movement. She said it is not connected to the Occupy Wall Street movement, but that they share similar philosophies.

WDAV, a classical music station based in Davidson, N.C., defended Simeone's work Thursday and said she remains the host of "World of Opera." The NPR affiliate said it was working to find a solution for the show with NPR.

"Ms. Simeone's activities outside of this job are not in violation of any of WDAV's employee codes and have had no effect on her job performance," WDAV spokeswoman Lisa Gray said in an emailed statement.

On Thursday, NPR spokeswoman Anna Christopher said the network's code of ethics applies to cultural programs it distributes, such as "World of Opera," as well as to news shows it produces, acquires or distributes.

"We are not her employer, but she is a host for a show that we distribute," Christopher said. "She's a public person who represents NPR and public radio."

Though "Soundprint" airs on NPR stations, it's not distributed by the network itself.

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Simeone said she is not an "NPR journalist." For the "Soundprint" show, her role involved writing introductions to the show's featured documentaries, and she was expected to give her point of view. In the past when she worked for NPR, she said she also wrote op-eds for The Baltimore Sun with no problem.

"I have never brought any of my political activities into my work for 'Soundprint,' 'NPR World of Opera,' or the Chicago Symphony Orchestra series," she said, adding that she doesn't cover politics or the news.

The firing came as many NPR stations are in a fall pledge drive to raise money from their listeners. Rankin said that had no bearing on her decision to fire Simeone after 15 years on the show.

Congress provides about 15 percent of public broadcast funding, primarily for individual stations.

Ongoing debate over the nation's deficit and spending, as well as "disdain" among many Republicans over any cultural funding has made public broadcasters more sensitive, said American University Professor Patricia Aufderheide, an expert on documentaries and public media.

"I'm a little baffled about why somebody who was not a news reporter would not be able to take a stand on a topical issue that wasn't in their sphere of professional activity," she said.

Still, Nikki Usher, an assistant professor at George Washington University who has studied NPR, said any news organization would have done the same thing.

"All press organizations should face this level of scrutiny," she said. "Unfortunately, the situation surrounding public broadcast funding means NPR must hold itself to additional scrutiny."

Lines have been blurred, though, in an age where opinion journalism is pervasive. On Saturday, the Rev. Al Sharpton who hosts an MSNBC show, led a jobs protest in Washington. The same network had once suspended Keith Olbermann for making political contributions.

In the past year, NPR has come under scrutiny for its firing of news analyst Juan Williams after he said on Fox News that he was uncomfortable being on a plane with someone wearing clothing that identifies them as Muslim. At the time, NPR said Williams's comments violated its code of ethics by participating in media "that encourage punditry and speculation rather than fact-based analysis."

The network has been sensitive to accusations that it carries a liberal bias. An NPR chief executive was forced to resign after a conservative activist posted a video online of NPR's chief fundraiser complaining about the tea party's influence on the Republican Party.

Earlier this month, NPR announced Gary Knell, the longtime president and CEO of "Sesame Street" producer Sesame Workshop, would become its next chief executive on Dec. 1. Knell told the AP he wanted to "depoliticize" NPR by emphasizing its commitment to journalism.

--- Associated Press writer Karen Mahabir contributed to this report (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

NPR AND SIMEONE: LOTS OF CORRECTIONS

By Erik Wemple Posted at 04:55 PM ET, 10/20/2011

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/erik-wemple/post/npr-and-simeone-lots-of-corrections/2011/10/20/gIQAtccG1L_blog.html

Whoever's piloting the Twitter account at NPR today must be neglecting to promote all the fine work that NPR journalists are doing on this beautiful fall day. Instead, that individual is playing defense against a plague of journalistic errors committed over the Lisa Simeone story:]View the story "NPR and accuracy" on Storify]

Those tweets seek to correct the prevailing story out there on the

Internet: NPR fires reporter over Occupy D.C. That's the headline from the Daily Beast. Facts are the NPR fired no one; the person adversely affected by the days events was not a "reporter"; and Occupy DC was not in the mix, either. NPR'll need at least three tweets to correct that headline.

NPR's corrective tweets are the story here. The sudden and dramatic media bubble over the political activities of a nice and talented woman who works in opera and documentary radio reflects just how little people, and the media, understand about NPR, public radio, radio, airwaves, frequencies, and so on.

"What I have spent the morning doing is just trying to explain the complicated arcana of public radio, trying to explain to people, so they understand why they got the story wrong," says Simeone.

Simeone worked for more than 15 years as a freelancer on Soundprint, a documentary radio show out of Laurel. Last night she had a talk with her boss, Moira Rankin, president of the Soundprint Media Center.

It wasn't one of those discussions that bosses like having. Rankin quizzed Simeone about her involvement as an organizer of the October 2011/Stop the Machine protests. (For the record, and per Simeone: She had no official connection or duties as a spokesperson for Occupy DC whatsoever; all reports indicating as much are incorrect, including the NPR post that claims to correct the inaccuracies in all the other accounts.)

The back and forth between documentary mogul and freelancer, says Simeone, was drawn out and strange. After much awkwardness, Simeone just came out and asked, "Wait a minute -- what are you doing? Are you firing me?"

Yes, came the response. Simeone was not pleased. The reason for her dismissal as a freelancer was her participation in the protests: She was told that she was "not allowed to have any partisan involvement." She fired back: "The occupy movement is as nonpartisan as it can get because we despise all political parties equally."

Rankin parried: "What I did point out to her was that partisan was not just pro-Republican or pro-Democrat. It has a larger meaning."

The shove from Soundprint jolted Simeone's understanding of what she brought to the franchise. Perspective, opinion, edge, that is---not straight-up-the-middle reporting. "If you go back and listen to the shows, they include my political and social opinions. That was desired, that was what I was expected to do. If I do a show, say, on immigration, the lede would include examples from my own family," she

says.

Perspective and opinion are precious commodities in documentary radio. Affiliation with surging protest movements? Different matter: Tying your name to any organization with an agenda can very easily corrupt your journalistic input and generate conflicts of interest that shrink your organization's choice of stories. As the organization's press release states, "Soundprint adheres to the highest standards of journalism."

An "independent contractor agreement" governed Simeone's work for Soundprint, and she's a member of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA). As such, she's asking AFTRA to "explain" what went down with her contract. When asked whether there's a provision in that contract authorizing Soundpoint's decision to terminate, Rankin said, "I wouldn't have done it if it didn't."

What we have here is a contentious affair between a radio talent and her boss. How did NPR get folded into the mix? Was some antsy executive from this under-fire-for-liberal-bias outlet gunning for Simeone?

Nah, NPR got hauled into the thing because of its superlative ethics guidelines. It has been reported that during the phone discussion, Simeone was read NPR's ethics rules. That's not true, says Simeone; Rankin concurs, saying she didn't have the rules in front of her at the time.

Yet Rankin did indeed invoke NPR guidelines in firing Simeone. "We adhere to NPR standards," says Rankin, in much the same way that newspapers that don't have an Associated Press subscription follow the copy rules of the wire service. (Which should capitalize the tea party movement.).

Other than liking -- in a Facebook way -- the NPR ethics rules, Soundprint has almost no connection to NPR. It doesn't get NPR funding and runs primarily on money from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. Soundprint's statement of existence uses the letters "n" and "p" and "r," but not in sequence:

Soundprint Media Center, Inc. (SMCI) is a national non-profit public broadcasting production and educational center based in Laurel, Maryland. Its public radio documentary series, SOUNDPRINT, is the longest running and one of the most highly regarded documentary series on public radio. The hallmark of the show is a sound-rich story that draws the listener into the subject. For over 20 years, Soundprint documentaries have aired on U.S. public radio stations and been distributed through Sirius Satellite Radio, as well as

international partners. SOUNDPRINT programming spans the world. It has produced original series and individual programs on a range of subjects from science and history to contemporary issues and personal explorations.

Even so! Soundprint does sell its programming to public radio stations that happen to be NPR members. Just goes to show you: If something goes wrong in the world of public radio, it's not too hard to tar NPR with the smudge. Regardless of the facts.

A further wrinkle is that Rankin was getting calls from NPR asking to verify whether she'd canned Simeone. She said that indeed she had, and gave NPR a preview of the press release. "I wanted to let them know the reason for what I was doing; that's why I sent it to them," says Rankin.

The second half of the Simeone story relates to her role as the host of NPR World of Opera. Given its name, you might be tempted to say that NPR World of Opera is an NPR show. Such a statement could well draw a tsk-tsk tweet from the NPR police. It is "a production of WDAV Classical Public Radio, a service of Davidson College."

Even though WDAV runs the opera show, its managers engaged in "conversations" with NPR about how to handle Simeone's involvement given the revelations about her protesting. They didn't take long in reaching the right decision.

By tomorrow noon, this whole mess will be gone, its legacy a bunch of errors -- and, hopefully, corrections -- spread across media-obsessed websites. Well, that and a woman who should have given more thought to her own affiliation agreements: "I would like to just have my life, my nice freelance life back," says Simeone. "To be a free citizen and a responsible worker, a conscientious worker." Those sound like the words of an excellent protest-movement flack

By Erik Wemple | 04:55 PM ET, 10/20/2011 (Washington Post via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

Commenters objected to his final remark. Come on, NPR, lighten up! (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** VATICAN. 7250, Fri Oct 21 at 0605, VR with news in Italian about Gadaffi; this transmission was missing the last time I checked (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [non]. 9900, good signal Oct 22 at 1313-1315, VR IS, and carrier stayed on until 1317* atop a much weaker signal. First it was VR via Novosibirsk, RUSSIA at 1230-1315 in Chinese, which has also

been reported on second harmonic 19800, but that's unlikely here; and the other station must also be VR, in Vietnamese via Tinang, PHILIPPINES, Catholix vs Catholix during the overlap (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RUSSIA*, 9900, Vatican radio Mandarin to China via Novosibirsk relay. *1230-1315* Oct. 22, 11. Noted with 800 Hertz tones prior to sign-on, ID, into Catholic mass in the Mandarin language to 1312, then interval signal for Vatican Radio to 1315*. Nice signal Thanks to Harold Sellers out in British Columbia for pointing this one out (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada, Oct 22, Drake R8A, Eton E1; antenna: 60, 49, 41, 31, 25, 19, 16 and 13-meter 1/4 wave slopers with 1:1 matching balun; 125 foot long wire, pointed due east, with 4:1 balun match, with pi-type antenna tuner trap-sloper, cut for 6955 kHz, pointed due south, 1:1 matching balun top feed, with 41-meter long wire, top feed for radial effect, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VATICAN RADIO B11

<http://tinyurl.com/64kscre>

(Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

In the VR B-11 spread sheet via Alokesh' site, I don't find 3995 or 4005 but instead 3975. (too late: I already mentioned 3995 on WOR 1587) (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, replacement of Vatican Radio Santa Maria de Galeria 100 kW, 3995 (ex-4005) by 3975 glitched through my eyes, happened already on the Texas conference between Sept 16 and 23rd. This happened, due of COMPLAINTS by Stephan Schaa from HCJB Germany / Ecuador registration request. Also the continuous 3995 kHz transmission action via Kall-German transmitter center (6005/5980) in past weeks happened under same "point of view".

3975 0325 0500 28 SMG 100 10 800 Mul CVA VAT NEW
3975 0500 0745 28 SMG 100 340 800 Mul CVA VAT NEW
3975 1655 2310 28 SMG 100 340 800 Mul CVA VAT NEW

In beforehand in late August, I suggested to HCJB to use 3975 kHz instead, but now happened the total opposite action. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B,schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [and non]. re: VATICAN RADIO B11

<http://tinyurl.com/64kscre>

(Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

Still some question marks left. 73 wolfy df5sx

VATICAN STATE/BONAIRE/CANADA/MADAGASCAR/NORTHERN MARIANAS-Tinian/

PHILIPPINES/RUSSIA/UZBEKISTAN/VATICAN GARDEN

Vatican Radio B-11 schedule.

Africa Programmes

0230 French 9660
0300 English 9660 11625MDG
0330 Kiswahili 9660 11625MDG
0345 Sun Somali 9660 11625MDG
0400 Amharic, Tigrigna 9660 11625MDG
0430 French 9660 11625MDG
0500 Arabic 1260 9645 11715
0500 English 9660 11625MDG
0530 Portuguese 7360 9660 11625MDG
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1130 Fri Mass in English 15595 17590
1300 Italian 585 1611drm 6075 7250 9645 15595 21680
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1615 Sat Somali 11625 13765#
1630 Amharic, Tigrigna 11625 13765#
1630 Arabic 1260 7290 9635
1700 French 11625 13765
1700 French-English 585 7290
1730 English 9755 11625 13765
1800 Portuguese 9755 11625 13765
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Tue/Wed MDG, Thur-Mon SMG

America Programmes

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0100 Spanish 1260 6040BON 7305
0145 Spanish 6040BON 7305
0230 French 6040BON 7305
0250 English 6040BON 7305CAN
0320 Spanish 6040CAN 7305CAN

0900 weekdays Portuguese 1260
1000 weekdays Portuguese 1260 21680
1130 weekdays Spanish 1260 [alt 9865CAN] 21680
1500 Mon/Fri Spanish 1260
1500 Thur Portuguese 1260
1600 Portuguese 1260
1730 Spanish 1260
2045 English 9800drmCAN
2300 English 7370drm

Asia & Oceania

0025 Mon/Thur Urdu 5895TAC 7335 [alt9580TAC]
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2315 Vietnamese 7395 9600PHT

Europe 1st Programme

0330 Slovenian 3975
0350 Croatian 3975
0410 Czech 3975
0425 Slovak 3975
0440 Hungarian 3975
0500 Polish 3975
0500 Arabic 1260 9645 11715
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2200 Italian 585 1611drm 3975 6075
2220 Compieta/Complien/Night Prayer 585 1611drm 3975 6075
2245 Italian 585 1611drm 3975 6075
2310 German-English-Italian 1611drm

Europe 2nd Programme

0310 Armenian 1260 6185 7335

0330 Russian 1260 6185 7335
0400 Ukrainian 1260 6185 7335
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0440 Lithuanian 1260 6185 7335
0500 Latvian 6185 7335
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2000 Albanian 1260 1611am 6185 7355
2020 Sun Esperanto 1260 1611am 6185 7355
2020 Wed/Thur Esperanto 1530 3975 6075 7250 7435
2020 Sun Philippine-Tagalog 1260 1611am
2100 Russian 1260 5910 7385

M-11 \ddagger = only M-11 March 2012 season, from March 4, 2012.

Relay sites

BON - RNW Bonaire
CAN - RCI Sackville CAN
IRK - VoRUS Irkutsk RUS
MDG - RNW Madagascar MDG
PHT - IBB Tinang PHL
PUG - RVA Manila PHL
TAC - Tashkent UZB
TIN - IBB Tinian MRA
VAT - Vatican Garden

(Vatican Radio schedule via Alokesha Gupta-IND VU3BSE, via WWDXC transformed from XLS to ASCII format by wb, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Oct 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Vaticana on 6075 kHz ---- When at 21:59:59 UTC on Saturday (2011-10-29) Deutsche Welle will have aired their German programme for the last time ever, the best-known frequency in the 49-m-band won't be

silent for a long time. Starting Sunday (2011-10-30), Radio Vaticana will take the opportunity to leave the out-of-band frequency 5885 kHz.

For the B 11 period, Vatican Radio will use the following frequencies for the German Programm:

0520-0540 UT: 3975, 6075, 7250 kHz
1500-1515 UT: 6060 [DRM], 6075, 7250, 9645 kHz
1920-1940 UT: 3975, 6075, 7250 kHz
2310-2330 UT: 1611 [DRM], 3975 kHz

The frequencies for the English RV programmes are not yet in, but the broadcasts to Europe will use 3975 instead of 4005 kHz and 6075 instead of 5885 kHz as well. ñ (Harry Niebuhr, Klein Hehlen, Bonifatiustrasse 5, 29223 Celle, Germany, Tel: +49 5141 53848, Fax: +49 5141 9939483, Mobile: +49 162 7168189, Oct 25, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

4004.053, 0228 UT interval signal Vatican Radio over and over again, from Vatican Garden TX installation on horizontal revolving antenna. Latter will be cease service on October 29, 2011, and move inband to Vatican State Santa Maria de Galeria bigger extraterritorial site on new 3975 kHz!!!

Very few transmissions will remain on 10 kW unit at VAT - Vatican Garden in Vatikan City on 7250 kHz, Vatican R replaced FORMERLY planned 3995 kHz by 3975 kHz lately, due of negotiations with HCJB Germany in German and Lower German language, which uses 3995 kHz from Kall - later from Friesland-Germany, - since summer 2011, and Bundesnetzagentur/ Media&Broadcast as provider of previous Wertachtal 3975 registrations. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

** VENEZUELA. MENSAJES COMERCIALES Y MENSAJES RELIGIOSOS EN BANDA MARINA DE ONDA CORTA

Saludos cordiales queridos colegas diexistas , espero se encuentren muy bien.

Hoy en la tarde he pasado algunas horas monitoreando entre los 8000 y los 9000 khz tratando de encontrar frecuencias marinas interesantes. Lo cierto es que me quedé un tiempo en la frecuencia 8760 Khz modo usb, que es la frecuencia de contacto de los pescadores venezolanos en HF y lo que escuché me ha dejado sorprendido, ya que por m.s de una hora estuvo un señor que parecía un locutor de radio anunciando

productos para los pescadores y sus embarcaciones. Les comentaba las bondades de una antena Mandrake de tres elementos hecha con materiales de primerísima calidad que haría que sus comunicaciones con puerto o con sus casas fuera m.s eficiente, así mismo les decía que les recomendaba el radio transmisor Mandrake hecho especialmente para las

labores de los marineros, que Él mismo hizo la prueba con el radio, lo sumergiÛ en agua salada durante una hora, luego lo sacÛ, lo puso a secar y al rato le metiÛ corriente y el radio perfecto. Este seÙor hablÛ de La CorporaciÛn de Astilleros Bolivarianos donde les pintan sus lanchas con pintura de calidad garantizada por m-s de 7 aÙos. Lo que me dejÛ mas sorprendido fue cuando se refiriÛ a la RADIO INTERNACIONAL MANDRAKE, medio por el cual les llegaba este mensaje. Lo cierto del caso es que cuando dejÛ de hablar por unos segundos, uno de los pescadores que estaba en la misma frecuencia dijo: "quÈ verga es Esta° y al momento otro comentÛ:

oY este masca verga quiÈn es? Lo cierto del caso es que el seÙor al rato prosiguiÛ con su tremenda promociÛn y propaganda para los equipos Mandrake. jejejejejejeje.

La transmisiÛn de los mensajes comerciales no las pude tomar en video porque tuve que salir y dejÈ grabando, de allÌ que lo que se ve es el grabador de cassette Radio Shack con cinta Maxell de 90 minutos.

Mensajes comerciales en banda marina de onda corta :
http://youtu.be/78bZ_ipMaJk

He utilizado para mis escuchas el Radio Grundig Satellit 750 y antena exterior dipolo de 15 mts por lado. Un abrazo para todos (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, Venezuela, Oct 23, condiglist yg via DXLD) See also NICARAGUA

Hola JosÈ y colegas de la lista, JosÈ que bueno saber de ti nuevamente, en cuanto a lo que reportas:

He tenido la oportunidad de escuchar la "EstaciÛn o Radio Internacional Mandrake"; generalmente opera los dÌas domingos, seg'n lo que he podido entender se trata de un distribuidor de equipos para la comunicaciÛn marina, promocionando sus equipos desde Caracas, como comentas el locutor tiene una voz comercial, serÌa interesante localizar alguna direcciÛn, pero en la web no he encontrado nada.
Cordial saludo (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot. D.C. - COLOMBIA, ibid.)

** VIETNAM. 6019.93, VOV-4, Buon Me Thuot, 1519, Oct 19, presumed the one noted here to 1529:12 s/off. Carrier only, but going by my observations last April 2 & 4 (see DXLD 11-14) when I heard them on the exact same freq, this must surely be their minority language service (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands /TenTec RX-340, 20 m. longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. ZNBC1. 5915, Lusaka. Oct 21, 2011, Friday. 0319-0349. Mixed Khasonke and English. Afro music. Good at first, but by 0335 it was beginning to show the same rapid fading as already heard on 6165

(ZNBC2). Probably related to our local sunrise a few minutes ago.
Jo'burg sunrise 0328.

5915 Lusaka. Oct 22, 2011, Saturday. 1821-1833 OM and YL talking, to brief afro music at 1831. ID at 1832 "Radio One", quickly followed by an advert mentioning "kwacha" (the local currency). Poor tonight, weak, fadey and QRN noisy. Jo'burg sunset 1619.

ZNBC2. 6165 Lusaka. Oct 21, 2011, Friday. 0319-0349. OM talking about Ivory Coast, to Afro music and song after 0330. Poor, with rapid fading / flutter and varying whistly noise, seems unlike a het. The fading / flutter maybe related to our local sunrise. Jo'burg sunrise 0328.

6165 Lusaka. Oct 22, 2011, Saturday. 1821-1829. Western pop song, "One More Time". ID at 1829 "Radio Two". Poor tonight, weak, fadey and QRN noisy. Jo'burg sunset 1619 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. 6045, ZBC, Guineafowl, Gweru, 2020 through 0020, Oct 16/17, appears to be very active again, heard regularly, local pop songs, female announcer in Shona with many English words like "Four brothers", dates, "Black jacket" along with mentions of Zimbabwe and "Radio Zimbabwe", good (Graham Bell, London, United Kingdom, visiting Simonstown, South Africa, DSWCI DX Window Oct 19 via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. South Africa. Zimbabwe Community Radio. 4895 Meyerton. Oct 20, 2011, Thursday. 1849-? Ndebele ? Definitely not english as per EiBi. OM and YL talking to 1852, then music and songs. Missed the sign-off. Very good. Jo'burg sunset 1618 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific carrier search Oct 20 at 1238-1241 UT found JBA weak signals on: 594, 702, 747, 774, 828, 972, 1035, 1098, 1134, 1143.

TP carrier search Oct 22 at 1234 UT, on the DX-398, internal antenna only, offset LSB mode stepping 9 kHz downward: 972, 828, 747. Then upward in USB mode from 1235: 747, 774 stronger, 1134, 1575. Today's LSR was 1245 UT.

[and non]. Trans-Pacific carrier search Oct 23 at 1248-1250 UT: 774, 828, 1044, 1053, 1098, 1566. And 774 was strong enough for some audio, talking but unsure of language (not always Japanese from NHK). It helped that KSPI OK 780 with 776 spur was missing for a few more minutes.

Trans-Pacific MW carrier search Oct 24 at 1211-1216 UT, USB mode on the DX-398 with internal antenna only: 702, 747, 756, 774, 828, 972,

1053, 1287 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1110, Friday Oct 21 at 1229 UT, I can barely hear some Qur'an amid CCI with KFAB nulled. Still wondering whether this is KVIL Dallas market or KTEK Houston market. Or something else?

Terry Krueger in FL has also been hearing this on 1110: ``2347 October 18, rather unusual (Hindi?) vocals with no instruments supporting -- as if religious script poetry not unlike Islam/Qur'an -- blasting in way atop WBT briefly, but already dropping down by 2354.'' And someone at KTEK implied it was not them but KVTT, yet no definite info on what programming KVTT is really carrying at these times. Could some of the active DXers in Houston and Dallas areas check? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) SEE USA

Hi Glenn: In regards to the Unidentified - 1110 [with Qur'an?], this station is very strong in the Austin area. Heard tonight with a woman announcer speaking in Indian dialect and English at times. Frequently, telephone numbers were mentioned with 214/972 area codes (Dallas area). Station disappeared abruptly at 2358 and did not catch station ID. Regards, (Mike Beu, KD5DSQ, Austin, Texas, Oct 22, IRCA via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1210.5, 2302 UT October 21, 2011. Carrier, presume Latin American (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: 600 Hz tone on 1210? FWIW, a DXer down in Tennessee claims that it's emanating from WDGR. It's heard clearly here almost every night. Maybe someone in Georgia can verify? (Tim Tromp, MI, 21 Oct, ABDX via DXLD)

It was confirmed tonight (by Brent in TN) that the off-frequency station is indeed WDGR. They're on 1210.411 at the moment. Of course, they should not be on the air at all at this time (Barry McLarnon VE3JF Ottawa, ON, Oct 22, ABDX via DXLD)

Dahlonega GA. NRC AM Log 2011-2012 has them as silent since 9/2009 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am going to say that is highly unlikely. It's not impossible, but I am under 200 miles from Dahlonega, GA and can hear audio on 1210 as I did late this afternoon, and I heard no beat or tone. It's 8:30 AND the tone is loud. I will notify the FCC in the morning with that in mind. And WDGR is a daytimer, but if it is them, hey what makes you think a daytimer might leave the transmitter on (Powell E Way III, SC, ABDX via DXLD)

I'm getting it at about 130~135*, hetrodyne with KOKK. Almost dead on

for Atlanta (Tim Hills, Sioux Falls, SD, ibid.)

I talked to a friend in the FCC Enforcement office in Atlanta about this today, and it is NOT WDGR. But they are working on busting it. :-) 73, (Kevin Raper, KJ4HYD, CE WCKI WQIZ WLTQ, ibid.)

Could also be in TN, MO, FL, Cuba or Puerto Rico. Picked it up a few times. Still tweaking the antenna so I could be off a bit too.

Definitely SE of me though. Seems to be some Auroral effects tonight, fast fading and possible TA hets all over the place (Tim Hills, Sioux Falls, SD, ibid.)

Tonight in semi-AU cx it is stronger than WPHT at times so I suspect it is coming from somewhere south of my IL QTH. There is no audio on this carrier at night so if it is coming from a station it is an OC. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL, ibid.)

Tone heard through horrendous WOAI 1200 IBOC noise. Zero-beats by ear to 1210.41 but don't currently have any ability to DF this one.

Stepdaughter is a Musician, says it sounds like "G below middle C". If my beer cells haven't been affected by too much brain the "A" above that is 440Hz so we're probably getting the same het (Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa, OK, ibid.)

It's coming in a bit stronger than KKOK but they're directional at 900W/93 Miles and I'm on the wrong side of them. Got the DF part almost nailed, now to build something better than a DX-440 for Mwdx ;) (Tim Hills, Sioux Falls, SD, ibid.)

As I said, I think I heard them announce twice in Korean. Probably jumped to daytime power at around 1200, per east coast remote receivers. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Who is Spanish on 1620? Mentions of Guayaquil. Is this station still on??

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0822/DOC-309211A1.pdf

(terriblywet, location unknown, 0517 UT Oct 23, ABDX via DXLD)

1620 Spanish most likely CUBA. FCC item is a NOUO to Robert Mohamed about busting his unnamed pirate on 1620 in South Richmond Hill NY, on August 3, 2011. Do you suspect that is/was in Spanish? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [and non]. 4820.81, noted Oct 18 and 19, I think (forgot to write down dates), around 1300 or so. Fair carrier but, as usual, not enough to rise above the noise level. There was also something right on 4820 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

50% of the time now I hear AIR Kolkata off frequency. Is very common! I measure them about 4820.75 or so. Some days they even change from 4820.0 to off frequency within a few hours, while other days they stay on one or the other frequency the whole time. Strange!

4820.0 is Tibet/PBS Xizang Chinese Service, which is always stronger than AIR and when Asyik FM is off the air, as sometimes has been happening recently, I find Tibet // 6050. Hope this helps (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Letras y n'meros en frecuencia marina de Onda corta. Saludos cordiales queridos colegas diexistas, espero se encuentren muy bien. Otra captaciÛn interesante la tarde noche de hoy, domingo 23 Oct. 2011 en la frecuencia 8992 kHz en modo USB. Voz de hombre robotizada diciendo letras y n'meros en ingles y al final OUT.
<http://youtu.be/Bda0w1FT5ps>
atte (JosÈ Elìas, Venezuela, condiglist yg via DXLD)

?? This is not a marine band, but aeronautical, and typical US military transmission. The letters are standard fonetix. ``This is Andrews, out``. It's not robotic, either, just a highly disciplined GI speaker from Andrews AFB, near Washington DC (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola JosÈ, Sobre esta transmisiÛn, corresponde a una frecuencia de la USAF Global HF, transmisiones codificadas de la Fuerza AÈrea de Estados Unidos; al mismo tiempo sale por estas frecuencias:

HF Global Communications System

4724
6712
6739
8992
11175
13200
15016

Hay que prestar atenciÛn al cierre donde mencionan desde quÈ Base transmitieron; la de mayor actividad y que t' escuchaste es Andrews (Rafael Rodríguez R., Colombia, ibid.)

Las codificadas emisiones de Andrews en fonia del tipo EAM, OM, y EE-no siguen ningun patrÛn prestablecido, salvo que tienen prioridad sobre otro tr·fico (ALE), suelen ser multicast (emisiones simult·neas por diferentes frecuencias), reiteradas con diferencias que van desde minutos hasta horas, y de longitud o duraciÛn variable, todo esto sin que se sepa a ciencia cierta el por quÈ. Sin mayor documentaciÛn

disponible, existen muchas conjeturas: algunos indican que los mensajes cifrados de Andrews no solamente se refieren a emisiones de alerta por ataque nuclear (estaríamos cada 2X3 escuchando supuestos ataques), sino que también indican procedimientos de confirmación en la movilización y desplazamiento de tropas (ACC/AMC) fuera de USA. Resulta entretenido escuchar los reportes ALE de las diferentes estaciones, aparte de Andrews, para saber cómo se están escuchando entre ellas. 73 y buen DX (Jose Luis de Vicente T., HK3ORT, Oct 24, condiglist yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11589.2, 18/10 2151, Arab broadcast, really distorted modulation, same talks and Arabic songs. Strong signal, terrible audio (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, RX: Excalibur Pro G33DDC, Eton E1; ANT: Wellbrook LFL 1010, MaxiWhip (7 meters vertical & 1:32 baloon), Long wire 30 m; QTH: Bocca di Magra (Liguria) JN44XB & Pescia (Toscana) JN53IV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11800, Oct 20 at 0535, S9+20 open carrier with flutter until 0537:30*. Suspect it's tune-up by R. Bulgaria, which will be in Spanish from 0600 on 11800; instead of leaving carrier on another 22.5 minutes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13735, Oct. 15, 0740, unID "Baraaaaaaaaap"! Over-the-Horizon Radar pulses tearing up the band big-time (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200 , Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", Cats whiskers provided by Loca, Lucy, and Ziggy, ABDX via DXLD) How much of the band? Peaking at 13735? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15151.5, Oct 22 at 1352, intruder, 2-way Spanish SSB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Heard before on this frequency

UNIDENTIFIED. Esta Á,o de n'umeros em 15720 --- 01. . todos! Na madrugada de hoje, por volta das 04:00 UTC escutei novamente esta Á,o na mesma frequencia, 15720 KHZ, (na verdade 15721 KHz) mais uma vez interferindo no sinal da Radio New Zealand International. Em um determinado momento era falado repetidamente algo em russo como "Shetire - Vosem - Noll" que significa 4-0-8.

Neste link que o Huelbe enviou tem mais informações de outras pessoas que sintonizaram a emissora nos últimos dias:
<http://forums.radioreference.com/utility-listening/220035-numbers-station-15721khz.html>

Um forte abraÁo e meus agradecimentos a todos que responderam esta postagem! (Davi Lucas, BH MG, 19 Oct, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Ivan; A publicação em questão pode ser acessada em formato PDF através deste link:

<http://wrgpmusic.no-ip.org.nyud.net/UnoDosCuatro.pdf>
73 (Paschoal Francisco Fideli, *ibid.*)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17550, Oct 26 at 1345, open carrier. Maybe the only thing scheduled, R. Cairo in Pashto at 13-16, 250 kW, 70 degrees from Abu Zabaal; but I don't recall ever hearing it modulating. Also strange open carriers at same time on 17473.5 stronger than 17477.5, producing a 4 kHz het with sufficient receive bandwidth (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 21678 approx., Oct 24 at 1913 I am getting some intermittent SSB talk, but can't find a spot to demodulate it, an intruder apparently employing speech inversion, sneaky (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. CODAR exploration on the DX-398 rapidly 5-kHz-stepping downward, Oct 24 at 1930: 25980-25745, break, 25705-25310 where there is a dip, then more down to 25200; QRMs freebanders here and there in the so-called 11m ISWBC band. More CODAR 24860-24600 and 24555-24445, and there is another freebander at 1935 on 24485.

It was such a nice fall afternoon that I spent over an hour outside on the sunny porch, DXing with the DX-398 initially on battery, but hooked up AC once I decided to stay a while. Plus random wire antenna strung around the area. In a couple days the temps are to plummet here. This dalliance will probably make me hustle to get caught up in time for the next WORLD OF RADIO produxion on Wednesday evening (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 32080.110 - later drifting up to 32080.154, modulation too low to understand, 1133-1140 UT 24/10, presume either 8 x 4010 or 22 x 1458: what's the latest offset for Tirana? (Tim Bucknall, Congleton UK, harmonics yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 36150, sign off at 1146 UT 24/10, again too weak to get useable audio; could be 6025, 12050 or 7230! Excellent conditions that day with my first far east reception above 30 MHz so I guess they could be anything. Seems blown out today (Tim Bucknall, Congleton UK, harmonics yg via DXLD)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Acknowledged in WORLD OF RADIO 1588:
With my continuing appreciation for all your work! Shalom! Saalam!
Namaste! Peace! (Jim Gershman, K1JJJ with a contribution via PayPal to

woradio at yahoo.com)

To be acknowledged in upcoming WORs:

Tnx to Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, for a contribution in the mail to
P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 (gh)

Thanks to Chris and Sarah Leslie for a contribution via PayPal (gh)

PUBLICATIONS

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HFCC B-11

<http://www.hfcc.org/data/b11/b11allx2.zip> (208 kB)

B11 Transmission and Programme schedules by Broadcasters and Frequency Management Organisations (FM0s)

<http://www.hfcc.org/data/b11/index.phtml>

(via Aleksandr Diadischev, Russia, Oct 24, dxldyg via DXLD)

All HFCC member schedules of bc stations for B-11 is ready to download now. See

<http://www.hfcc.org/data/b11/index.phtml>

and click to Schedules by FM0s

Broadcasters and Frequency Management Organisations (FM0s)

vy 73 wb (Wolfgang Bischel, Germany, Oct 24, ibid.)

Now released a week before going into effect. Excellent (gh, DXLD)

Of course that's assuming that all the schedules can be believed as being correct as there is obviously incorrect information shown.

According to the HFCC website,

"The possibility of updating frequency schedules at any moment during a given season makes the existence of so-called "wooden", or reserve, frequencies that complicate co-ordination, completely unnecessary"

So why do they allow the "wooden" and obviously wrong schedules to be posted? (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, dxldyg via DXLD)

New Edition of the IRCA Mexican Log

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***** IRCA Mexican Log, 16th Edition (Winter 2011) *****

The IRCA MEXICAN LOG lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks and notes. The call letter

index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The transmitter site index (listed by state, then city) tabulates the latitude and longitude of transmitter sites. This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations. Size is 8 1/2" x 11".

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CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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HFCC B11 HFCC/ASBU Docs/Links

Remarks and news items from the B11 HFCC/ASBU conference in Dallas:

- Opening remarks by Oldrich Cip, chairman HFCC
- Remarks by Lauren Libby of TWR
- Remarks by Charles Caudill of WCB
- Some thoughts on the HFCC Conference in Dallas by Jeff White, written for Radio World
- Radio World Article
- News Item on DRM Consortium Website

http://hfcc.org/delivery/HFCC-IBD_Content_Delivery_Debate.phtml
(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

AMSTERDAM RADIO DAY, Sat 12 Nov

This year's Amsterdam Radio Day is drawing nearer and organisers Martin van der Ven, Hans Knot and Rob Olthof have been extremely busy planning to make the event another success.

Radio Day 2011 will take place on Saturday 12th November 2011, 11.00 to 17.30 CET, at Hotel Casa 400 Amsterdam, Eerste Ringdijkstraat 4.

The full day's schedule is below.

Doors open 10.30, admission is €14, and tickets may be purchased in advance or on the door. Visit the Radio Day website <http://www.radioday.nl/> for payment details.

<http://www.radiolondon.co.uk/kneesflashes/happenings/octnovdec11/>

octnovdec1101.html

(via Mike Terry, Oct 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

Old-Time Radio Convention Meets for Last Time

ABC News By Warren Levinson Associated Press Newark, N.J October 21, 2011

<http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory/time-radio-convention-meets-time-14789248>

For one weekend a year, the ghosts and survivors of Jack Benny, Benny Goodman, Goodman Ace and hundreds of other legends of the old days of radio hold court at a hotel across the road from Newark Airport.

The annual Friends of Old-Time Radio Convention has been meeting for 36 years. But when it signs off Saturday night, it will be for the last time. The reason is simple, says Jay Hickerson, a musician who has been running the show from the beginning: the march of time.

"Lack of OTR (old-time radio) guests. And the committee is getting older," he said.

The gathering, humble as it is, used to be able to call on a constellation of stars from the early days of radio.

Now it's down to former child stars in their 80s and 90s. Arthur Anderson, 88, who acted as a teenager with Orson Welles, is an honored guest. Grandsons of 1930s song and dance star Eddie Cantor and Brace Beemer, the voice of the Lone Ranger for most of its run on radio, are on the program.

Collecting old-time radio shows and trivia has never been a young person's game. But most of the convention-goers are too young to have firsthand recollections of the shows they're buying, recreating and discussing on panels.

Gary Yogg, 73, has been to all 36 of the conventions. "It's my favorite weekend of the year. It tops Christmas," he said. Yogg, a retired history teacher from Corning, N.Y., is part of the committee that puts on the convention. He directed a re-creation of a Tom Mix episode for a Friday afternoon program. "It's like reliving my youth," he said. "I was a kid when the golden age of radio was beginning to die."

Simon Jones is one of the celebrity guests for the weekend. Jones doesn't exactly qualify as a Golden Age of Radio star. He played Arthur Dent in the BBC's hugely popular radio and TV adaptations of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, starting in 1978. But he's been

here before and is delighted to be asked.

"I've learned quite a lot about what went on before me," he said. Listeners who started as children, he said, make the most loyal fans. "If you can catch them that young, maybe they'll become addicted later on."

But it's not just the radio programs that bring participants back year after year. Stuart Weiss has been part of the steering committee from the beginning. He moderates a music panel with Brian Gari, the Cantor grandson. Weiss likens the gathering to a family reunion.

"These are old friendships. But you don't keep in touch during the year. We come here, it's as if we were together yesterday," he said.

Weiss, a party supply salesman from Staten Island, was inspired by the convention to start his own radio show on the Internet. It's eight hours long. "I can't stop," he said. The party supply business isn't doing too well these days, but "when I do my show, I forget all my problems. And for eight hours, I'm in heaven."

Sometimes the family aspect is literal. Gary Yoggy met his wife at the convention. They've been married 29 years. Jeff Muller, 45, has been coming since he was a teenager. He brings his father. "I guess it's his second childhood, in a way," he said.

And when the curtain comes down, after Jay Hickerson and his wife Karen play "I'll Be Seeing You" and a version of "Thanks for the Memories," with special lyrics written for the convention?

Weiss joked he'll come back to the Newark Airport Ramada anyway and wander around empty rooms. Yoggy said he wants to help revive radio drama, which withered away decades ago, in the United States at least.

Jones, the Hitchhiker's Guide star, said the form remains alive in Britain. Next year, the radio version goes on a live tour. "Obviously, this art form hasn't quite died," he said (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

THE TINY TRAP

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``Tiny Portugal'', evaluates Melissa Harris-Perry, subbing for Rachel Maddow, 0145 UT Oct 22 on MSNBC (gh)

Zanesville, Ohio: ``this tiny city'', page 5 of The Week, Oct 28, 2011. 2010 census: 25,487. At least it isn't a ``tiny town''. But over 25 kilopeople still amount to ``tiny''?? Then what would be a ``city''

with population of 25? Super-tiny? Picotiny? (gh, DXLD)

RADIO PHILATELY

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NEW ON THE HALLI WEB SITE!

I thought that some of you might enjoy looking at this very rare and unique 1941 Hallicrafters SX-28 receiver postage stamp from Spain.

Hi All, Please take a few minutes to visit the HHI (Halligan's Hallicrafters International) web site. There is something brand new there! We can 'almost' guarantee that you have NEVER seen one before!

Courtesy of my dear friend, and yours too, HB9RS, Dr. Max De Henseler of Switzerland, is a high resolution scan of a quite rare stamp from Spain. It was printed this year, but shows a 1941 Hallicrafters SX-28 receiver. I am told by those who collect stamps seriously, that this one is both very rare and costly! Obtaining one is everything but easy to do! Take a look and enjoy this bit of radio history!

My thanks to our talented and hard working Web Master, W5JT, Jim Thayer, for his efforts to get this rare stamp on the web site for all to see and enjoy.

Coming Soon - and I am not sure how 'SOON' that 'soon' is: Will be about 100 very special and unique stamps from fifty different countries. Each shows a piece of Ham Radio, or military communications, gear. These will be taking up permanent residence on the Hallicrafters web site in the forthcoming "Worldwide Amateur Radio Stamp Gallery".

Once again, my heartfelt thanks to HB9RS, Dr. Max De Henseler of Switzerland, for donating this fantastic Ham Radio stamp collection to the Hallicrafters Web Site. You will definitely enjoy looking through these colorful, artistic and historical remembrances of vintage Amateur Radio pieces of equipment from around this world.

Now, IF any of YOU should happen to have anything that you would like to share with Hallicrafters, as well as fans of all other flavors of vintage radio gear, please contact the HHI Web Master. W5JT, Jim Thayer at: webmaster @ w9wze.net

If it happens to be vintage, but not Hallicrafters, contact Jim just the same. We have a 'sort of' "Hallie Wanna Be's" area especially intended for such occasions! Enjoy! (Duane Fischer, W8DBF - WPE8CX0, E-Mail: dfischer@usol.com
Hallicrafters web site: <http://www.w9wze.net>

HHRP web site: hhrp.w9wze.net
Oct 20, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

It's a 'private mail' [do it yourself] stamp from Spain; so why should it be expensive? They are by definition ``rare''. One could just make another. I don't see a hi-resolution version of it, either (gh, DXLD)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY
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EUROPE'S NEW TIMEZONE LAYOUT, WINTER 2011-2012 [see also RUSSIA]

BELARUS:

http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D7%E0%F1%EE%E2%FB%E5_%EF%EE%FF%F1%E0_%C1%E5%EB%EE%F0%F3%F1%F1%E8%E8
(Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia /"deneb-radio-dx")

UKRAINE

http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D7%E0%F1%EE%E2%FB%E5_%EF%EE%FF%F1%E0_%D3%EA%F0%E0%E8%ED%FB
(Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia /"deneb-radio-dx")

Both include same color coded zone map for all of Europe (gh, DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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EAS shutdown Nov 9th

According to an article I've just read, the Emergency Alert System (EAS) will initiate a shutdown of all radio and television broadcasts on November 9th. Only the president has the authority to do this. The time and duration wasn't mentioned. Hopefully trops will be "up" to my north. This event is unprecedented -- makes me a bit uneasy, what are "they" getting us ready for? (Jim Pizzi, NY, Oct 22, WTFDA via DXLD)

"Shutdown" is a misnomer; everything will still be on the air.

What will happen, is that there will be a special test. The EAN -- the code that's used to warn of an imminent attack -- will be issued. EAS rules require this alert to be relayed immediately. (delays are allowed for all other codes, except the "EAT" code that retracts a previously-issued EAN) (Doug Smith, TN, ibid.)

It will be 3 minutes long. I am not sure what there is to be nervous about, however; just a test of the new national system. Much better and organized than the state-by-state system we currently possess. (Adam Rivers, APD/MD/Nights, WILI-FM/Willimantic, CT, Weekends, WMAS-

FM/Springfield, MA, ibid.)

Sadly when 9/11 passed this year (recall that there was seriously heavy security all over NY and DC) there was speculation that 11/9 would actually be a date to worry about. Yeay, terrorism. BN (Bill Nollman, ibid.) So USG picked 11/9 deliberately for EAS? Come on (gh, DXLD)

MY REVIEW OF THE JWIN-M122

I got mine in the mail yesterday afternoon. It just a hair larger than the G8 and weighs an ounce or two more. The total price, shipping included, came to \$28. What a deal. Features:

Up/down tuning button. Nice. Hold down the tuning button and the freq change goes into turbo mode. (It does click when you press up or down, though).

Rocker switch for volume. Nice.

Weather Band but no LW or SW.

Clock is AM/PM instead of 24 hr. Very easy to set. I can remember how to do it. To set the G8, I need to get the manual.

No annoying beep when you turn the radio on and off.

Direct frequency entry.

FM sensitivity and selectivity is the same as the G8. I had no problem hearing WWLW/WAMK 105.1, WCBS-FM 101.1 (WKCI's IBOC is off), WFCC 107.5 and WHOM 94.9 in the backyard a little while ago.

AM is a completely different story. AM positively stinks on this radio. I hear all kinds of annoying groans, moans, buzzes, beeps, clicks, etc on the AM band. I turned on the G8 to make sure it wasn't my environment here causing it and the G8 was clean. I also have a YB400 and a little Sony SRF-something and the jWin is the worst radio in the house for AM reception.

Weather Band is very sensitive and selective. Every weather channel has a station except for ch7. Worcester, Vermont are no problem.

If you want this radio for AM listening, don't buy it. If you want it for FM or weather, buy it. It's a keeper (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, WTFDA via DXLD)

TECSUN PL-660

I find it is the worst radio I have had in the last 30 years. It is very noisy on the AM bands, and the sync even increases the noise level, the bandwidth isn't the same if you use the LSB and the USB in sync mode, USB wide has approximately the same bandwidth as LSB narrow.

On FM you have to leave it on the DX mode, else only highpower stations get through, and if you have a 0.2 separation between a strong and a weak signal, the set will only pick up the stronger signal.

My PL-310 does much better by far, for less than half the money. The only thing that works tolerably well on the 660 is the BFO. That set is really a heap of crap (Alain Korvallo, Paris, France, Oct 24, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Hi, Yeah, Alain, I can only go along with you, that set is a heap of crap!!! We'd better buy real radios, from SONY, YAESU and the likes, rather than that Chinese stuff (AndrÈ Coville, ibid.)

MARAVILLOSO VIDEO DEL TRASMISOR A ALTERNADOR SAQ, GRIMETON, SUECIA

GRIMETON RADIO, SAQ, declarada Patrimonio HistÓrico de la Humanidad por la Unesco. RealizÓ emisiones conmemorativas en su frecuencia de 17, 2 KHz. (VLF) el 24 de octubre, ayer: sintonía 10:30 y 17:30 UTC; mensajes: 10:30 y 18:00 UTC. Es el 'nico emisor a alternador Alexanderson en funcionamiento en el mundo. Este video fue filmado en Julio pasado. Y vale la pena apreciar la joya:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-S6gXmElHoI&feature=share>

Es una maravilla que los suecos hayan conservado este trasmisor en funcionamiento y cuidado perfectos funcionando! 73 (Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Uruguay, dxldyg via DXLD)

COUPLE ARRESTED IN GERMANY FOR SPYING WHILST LISTENING TO NUMBERS STATION

German investigators have arrested two suspected Russian undercover agents -- a married couple believed to have been spying on Germany for over two decades. The case could hurt relations between Germany and Russia.

It was still dark when a unit of German police commandos burst into a family home in the western town of Marburg at 06.30 a.m. last Tuesday. Heidrun A. was sitting in her study in front of a wireless transmitter that was receiving encoded messages on a shortwave frequency and was hooked up by cable to a computer.

Full article:

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,793707,00.html>

(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD)

E sai quanti di noi arresterebbero! Solo se mi vedono le radio e quel che c'È nei computer mi mettono dentro e buttano via la chiave :-(
(Fabrizio Magrone, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BELGIUM; BULGARIA; GERMANY; INDIA;
+++++ JAPAN; KALININGRAD; NETHERLANDS;
PORTUGAL; RUSSIA; SRI LANKA; VATICAN; CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See OKLAHOMA
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB
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BBC TO FUND DAB ROLLOUT TO 97% OF UK POPULATION
Digital Spy, October 19 2011, By Andrew Laughlin
<http://www.digitalspy.co.uk/media/news/a346369/bbc-to-fund-dab-rollout-to-97-percent-of-uk-population.html>

The BBC has confirmed that it will pay for the rollout of the UK's digital audio broadcasting (DAB) radio infrastructure to reach 97% of the population.

Tim Davie, the corporation's director of audio and music, said that the BBC would fund the expansion of the national DAB platform from its current coverage level of over 90%.

In a speech to the Drive to Digital conference at the BBC's Broadcasting House in central London yesterday, Davie said the priority was securing "solid coverage" in the UK's top 25 cities.

He added that every town with a population of more than 5,000 would have indoor DAB coverage, but admitted that "small pockets of poor coverage in some of these areas" would still remain.

The government has loosely committed to starting the digital radio switchover - involving the end of analogue FM - by 2015, but the industry largely views this as an unachievable target.

Also speaking at the conference, culture minister Ed Vaizey said that the 2015 switchover target still has an "important purpose" and stressed the benefits of going digital.

Vaizey said that the UK "leads the world" in digital radio with more than 14m DAB sets sold, while close to 27% of all radio listening was via digital platforms, including DAB, online, digital TV and mobile.

He also said that almost one in five new cars sold in Britain now came with a DAB fitted as standard, with the industry on course to hit its 50% target by the end of 2013.

The government intends to launch a digital radio certification mark towards the end of 2012, providing consumers with "clarity and assurance" when buying a digital set.

Vaizey added: "There is undoubtedly a huge amount of work to done between now and mid-2013, with even more to follow if the switchover is to become a reality, but right now the only future I envisage for radio is digital.

"No-one could predict ten years ago the success of Apple, the domination of Google, profitability in social networking, particles travelling faster than the speed of light.

"However in all of these instances success and positive change were not achieved by standing still, but by grasping the opportunities in front of them.

"Let us see digital radio as an opportunity. An opportunity for our customers, our listeners and ourselves and not be shackled by the barriers of today but see the potential of tomorrow."

(I wonder what implications this may have for medium wave and longwave -MET) (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

UK MINISTER 'ACKNOWLEDGES POOR SOUND QUALITY' OF DIGITAL
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/8837806/Minister-acknowledges-poor-sound-quality-of-digital.html>

This from today's Daily Telegraph:

The Government minister overseeing the switch-over to digital radio has reportedly admitted that the new service is often marred by poor coverage and sound quality.

Culture minister Ed Vaizey said criticisms, which also included claims that the technology was out-of-date and that the listeners were happy with what they had already, had "elements of truth", according to the Daily Mail.

It is the latest blow to plans to switch over radio from analogue to

digital, or DAB, by 2015.

Earlier this year a senior industry executive said the target was "dead in the water" after figures showed sales of digital radios actually fell last year, while a leaked Government document revealed that it is set to be pushed back to 2017.

The plans to abandon analogue FM services have come in for a series of criticisms - acknowledged by Mr Vaizey when he spoke at the Drive to Digital conference at the BBC this week.

He reportedly said: "You will no doubt have heard the negatives of digital radio, there has certainly been no shortage of column inches devoted to the subject.

They often suggest that DAB is an out-of-date technology, that coverage and sound quality are inferior to analogue and listeners are already happy with what they've got, so why change?

"There are of course elements of truth in all these statements."
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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BPL SECOND R&O

The FCC has released its long-awaited, 76-page Second Report and Order on BPL, responding to court orders in ARRL's successful challenge to the BPL regulations and the FCC's redaction of critical information in technical documents.

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1024/FCC-11-160A1.pdf

(via Benn Kobb, Oct 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Rough going; would someone summarize? (gh, DXLD)

PROPAGATION

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NEW CALEDONIA AND OTHER 6M F2 DX

Pat Dyer, WA5IYX of San Antonio, Texas reported on October 13: "While the N-S 6m paths to South America from here continue to improve as the cycle advances, the recent FK8CP (New Caledonia) paths have come as a pleasant surprise here.

"The best so far was 2330z Oct 09 - 0020z Oct 10 where FK8CP reached as high as a true S7 on the meter. The US footprint was initially

limited to Central and East Texas along a narrow-latitude belt (it did eventually extend as far east as the New Orleans area). This is in keeping with the F2F2 mode involving a critical set of angles in the geometry. Later that evening (US time) FK8CP was reported from a wider range of states, NM, CO, et al. (My last 6m FK QSOs were in Cycle 22 back in 1989 and 1991.)

"24 hours later his signals here were fleeting, but he was worked in Western and West Central Florida. Again, the US footprint was only about 2-deg wide in N-S latitude extent (though the Gulf of Mexico may have well obscured a wider range there).

"As can be seen from Sherlock DX map plots, Florida is the favored US QTH for these daily 6 meter South American paths. The paths often spread across to Mexico (to within 600-700 mi south of here), often making one wish for an Es-linking event!

"The 47-48 MHz Chilean FM broadcast signals
<http://www.qsl.net/ce3sad/6m.html>
provide excellent high-power MUF indicators for that region, but they will often show just how sluggish things can be to move up the next 2-MHz into 6 meters proper! These are relatively-high ERP signals with probably good transmitter locations vs. the other 2-way land-mobile signals in many regions down there that used to serve as propagation clues (they are also 24/7!)

"From here the best crossing angles of the geomagnetic equator have their land endpoints in the CEO islands. For over four decades now many have seen a strong need for some reliable 6 meter beacon(s) to be established down there to confirm our suspicions of just how good those paths are. The few well-equipped and dedicated 6 meter expeditions to those areas at the best time(s) of the year (and Cycle) HAVE been very productive." (QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 42 ARLP042, From Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, WA October 21, 2011, To all radio amateurs, via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

CME IMPACT ON OCT. 24

Space Weather News for Oct. 24, 2011 <http://spaceweather.com>

CME IMPACT: A coronal mass ejection (CME) hit Earth's magnetic field on Oct. 24th around 1800 UT (2 pm EDT). The impact strongly compressed our planet's magnetosphere and may have exposed geosynchronous satellites to solar wind plasma. Mild to moderate geomagnetic storms are possible in the hours ahead as Earth's magnetic field continues to reverberate from the hit. Sky watchers in Scandinavia, Canada, and northern-tier US States should be alert for auroras, especially during the hours around local midnight. Check <http://spaceweather.com> for

updates (via Mark Coady, Oct 24, NASWA yg via DXLD)

MF vs HF, VHF

Monitored this morning from 1414 to 1455, switching regularly from DU loop to TP loop, but nary a 9 kHz trace on Perseus until 1450-1452 when I spotted very weak TP carriers on 594 and 603. They were gone after only a couple of minutes, and that was all the so-called DX to be found! (Guy Atkins, WA, 25 Oct, IRCA via DXLD)

The action is on the other end of the dial. In the last 5 days I have worked Europe on USB - 10 meters, less than 1 Watt. Transcontinental contacts on 10 using AM, CW and Side band with 100mw have also been achieved -- occasional CME's explain why we are not picking up 1/2 megawatt medium wave stations from across the Pacific.

Yesterday at 1800 UTC there was one that struck our upper atmosphere throwing the blanket over everything. Apparently these are the most spectacular upper band conditions since the 50's -- and it is expected to improve even more (Colin Newell, Victoria BC, ibid.)

Perhaps true, but I'd be very wary believing that the high band conditions are the best since the 50s. First of all, the SF is still minuscule compared to past solar peaks. I remember well propagation being wall to wall up well past 30 MHz, and late into the night. The MUF isn't bad, and I do hear 10 meters open, but signals are not staggering by any means. Same old terribly boring CBers on 27 MHz in the morning --- nope, not my thing.

Give me MW (and the Tropical bands) anytime over a few old #@%ts calling CQ and giving 5/9 signal reports --- boring! To each his own, I suppose. For me, the thrill of a 100 watt AM transmitter from Australia with real programming outweighs any ham calling CQ in my shack. Not very many (none, actually) Megawatt MW transmitters in the Pacific these days. Most of them are putting out far fewer watts than advertised, just with natural aging and wear and tear. Fighting domestic stations, hearing anything out of Europe, Asia, the Pacific, or Africa is one mean feat, especially from the west coast of North America. Eliminate the domestic splatter would make the job of the DXer far easier. There's a lot more skill involved in this as well --- tweaking the antenna, bandwidth, notch filters, AM vs side band reception, etc, too (Walt Salmani, Victoria BC, ibid.)

Each to their own I guess, but 13 and 11 meters (closest SWBC bands to 10 meters ham band) is populated by only a few stations, and ho-hum major broadcasters at that. I'd much rather be chasing some weak overseas MW or tropical bands DX with real programming, interesting ethnic music, etc.

That's the cool thing about radio though; so many frequencies & modes --- there's something for everyone, whether you are into the two-way operation or... <gasp> "just listening" :^)

I must admit, though, that during trips into Canada for DXpeditions my ham license has come in handy to "prove" to border agents that I'm a real radio hobbyist and not some terrorist trying to sneak in high tech gear and suspicious reels of wire (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA, ibid.)

TRANSATLANTIC FM DX: See GHANA [and non]

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HIGHLIGHTS OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 17 - 23 OCTOBER 2011

Solar activity was low to moderate. Early in the period, solar activity was at low levels with a majority of the C-class activity from Regions 1319 (N=10, L=051, class/area Eki/420 on 17 October) and 1324 (N11, L=305, class/area Ekc/360 on 20 October). Low level C-class activity was observed until early on 20 October when an M1 x-ray event occurred at 20/0325Z from an area on the west limb. This event most likely originated from Region 1318 (N20, L=096, class/area Dso/50 on 13 October). M-class activity continued during 21 and 22 October with an M1 x-ray event at 21/1300Z from Region 1319 and a M1/Sf long duration flare at 22/1110Z from Region 1314 (N25, L=058, class/area Cho/370 on 12 October). The 21 October M-flare had associated Type II (789 km/s) and Type IV radio sweeps, but no Earth-directed CME was detected. The 22 October M-flare had an associated CME with a mostly northward directed component with an approximate plane-of-sky speed of 600 km/s measured in STEREO A COR2. LASCO C2 and C3 imagery observed a partial halo CME with a maximum plane-of-sky speed of 1000 km/s in its northernmost edge. A large filament eruption was also observed in SDO/AIA imagery in the Northwest quadrant of the solar disk starting at 22/0058Z. An associated CME was observed with a slight Earth-directed component with an approximate speed of 500 km/s. Activity returned to low levels on the last day of the period.

The greater than 100 MeV proton flux at geosynchronous orbit remained below threshold levels the entire period. A greater than 10 MeV proton

event began at 23/1500Z in response to the M1/Sf long-duration flare observed midday on 22 October. The event peaked at 13pfu at 23/1535Z and ended at 23/1605Z.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal levels the entire period.

The geomagnetic field was mostly quiet during the summary period. On the last day of the summary period, a weak shock passage was observed in the ACE solar wind data at 23/2320Z, but the geomagnetic field remained quiet. A glancing blow from a CME associated with an M1 x-ray event observed near the NW limb at 20/0325Z was the suspected source of the shock.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 26 OCTOBER-21 NOVEMBER 2011

Solar activity is expected to be at predominantly low levels during the forecast period. There will be a slight chance for M-class activity during 26 October - 03 November. M-class activity increases from a slight chance to a chance during 04 - 17 November, with a slight chance for X-class activity from 04 - 17 November, due to the return of old active Regions 1314 (N29, L=056) and 1319 (N12, L=052).

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit during the forecast period.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels during 26 - 29 October, with an increase to moderate to high levels during 30 October - 01 November. Mostly normal levels are expected during 02 - 21 November.

Quiet to active levels are forecast for 26 October as effects from the 22 October CME arrival subside. The field is expected to return to mostly quiet levels by 27 October. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected during 28 - 29 October as a coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS) disturbs the field. A return to mostly quiet levels is expected during 31 October - 02 November. From 03 - 05 November, quiet to unsettled levels are expected as another recurrent CH HSS affects the field. Mostly quiet levels are expected during 06 - 21 November.

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2011 Oct 29      135         7          3
2011 Oct 30      130         5          2
2011 Oct 31      130         5          2
2011 Nov  1      125         5          2
2011 Nov  2      125         5          2
2011 Nov  3      125         8          3
2011 Nov  4      120         8          3
2011 Nov  5      120         8          3
2011 Nov  6      125         5          2
2011 Nov  7      130         5          2
2011 Nov  8      135         5          2
2011 Nov  9      135         5          2
2011 Nov 10      135         5          2
2011 Nov 11      140         8          3
2011 Nov 12      145         8          3
2011 Nov 13      150         8          3
2011 Nov 14      150         5          2
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2011 Nov 20      145         5          2
2011 Nov 21      145         5          2

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(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1588, DXLD)

NOVEMBER BDXC PROPAGATION REPORT

Hi Glenn, Here is the November BDXC propagation report. Regards,
James Welsh

Propagation Summary

The Solar flux has peaked at 140 on September 27-28th but there is again a downward trend, which will see a drop to 105 by November 7th. The only noticeable disturbance on propagation conditions was on October 5-6, with the Boulder A index peaking at 18, and the K Index peaking at 5. The general trend for sunspot activity is up, although certainly not to the predicted levels. Daily updates can be found at http://www.wm7d.net/hamradio/solar/27d_forecast.shtml
Historical Solar charts going back to 1950 are available at

<http://www.solen.info/solar/history/>

Implications for Long Term Space Climate Change

The recent solar minimum was the longest and deepest of the space age, with the lowest average sunspot numbers for nearly a century. The Sun appears to be exiting a grand solar maximum (GSM) of activity which has persisted throughout the space age, and is headed into a significantly quieter period.

Indeed, initial observations of solar cycle 24 (SC24) continue to show a relatively low heliospheric magnetic field strength and sunspot number (R), despite the average latitude of sunspots and the inclination of the heliospheric current sheet showing the rise to solar maximum is well underway. We extrapolate the available SC24 observations forward in time by assuming R will continue to follow a similar form to previous cycles, despite the end of the GSM, and predict a very weak cycle 24, with R peaking at $\sim 65\text{--}75$ around the middle/end of 2012. Similarly, we estimate the heliospheric magnetic field strength will peak around 6nT . We estimate that average galactic cosmic ray fluxes above 1GV rigidity will be $\sim 10\%$ higher in SC24 than SC23 and that the probability of a large SEP event during this cycle is 0.8, compared to 0.5 for SC23. Comparison of the SC24 R estimates with previous ends of GSMS inferred from 9300 years of cosmogenic isotope data places the current evolution of the Sun and heliosphere in the lowest 5% of cases, suggesting Maunder Minimum conditions are likely within the next 40 years.ⁱ

From: <http://www.agu.org/pubs/crossref/2011/2011GL049328.shtml>

Solar Flare Alerts by Text or Phone

Real time solar activity alerts to your mobile phone or landline phone can be set up online at <http://spaceweathertext.com> (text) and <http://spaceweatherphone.com> (voice).

Future Sunspot Cycle Predictions

Sunspot Cycles are Difficult to Accurately Predict. Solar physicists believe the speed of a massive circulating current of hot plasma within the Sun predicts the amplitudes of sunspot Cycles approximately twenty years into the future. In the years prior to 2006 that speed had become lower than ever before. Based on the plasma-speed/future-cycle-amplitude theory, a team led by physicist Mausumi Dikpatra of the National Centre for Atmospheric Research predicted Cycle 24 would be intense. NASA solar physicist David Hathaway agreed, but predicted Solar Cycle 25 will be very weak.

VHF Propagation Software

A new VHF propagation gadget is available from SV2AGW. There are two Windows Vista Side Bar gadgets, for Europe and North America. They display Aurora and Sporadic-e propagation using the dxrobot images. George Rossopoulos, SV2AGW has also produced software for AX.25 Packet / APRS, which can be downloaded from his website.
<http://www.sv2agw.com/downloads/default.htm> (Via Mike Terry)

Thanks to Mike Terry and Ken Fletcher for regular updates. The next Propagation report will be in January. Links to these articles and more are available at <http://www.jameswelsh.org.uk>
(James Welsh, Oct 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING?

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He is the world's most interesting DXer.

He is the life of the DX convention --- even when he doesn't attend. He once climbed the Eiffel Tower --- just to point the antennas towards his.

He has received as many continents --- as lesser DXers have towns. During contests he often disconnects his antennas --- to level the playing field.

Foreign governments have built radio stations --- just so he could hear them.

If he breaks your radio at a get-together --- you will want to buy /him/ a new one.

Yes, he /is/ the world's most interesting DXer.

"I don't always DX FM... but when I do, I prefer Auroral scatter."
(William Hepburn, Ont., Oct 19, WTFDA via DXLD)

Excellent!!! Now I want a beer (Keith, ibid.)

No, not just a beer! A Dos Equis! Stay thirsty for Es, my friend (Mike Bugaj, ibid.)

Mike, don't you mean a Dos De Equis? Stay listening, my friend! Ears to the radio, glass to the lips (Bill Dvorak, Madison WI, ibid.) ####